

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
Internal Security - C

DATE: February 5, 1951

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Russell S. Garner dated January 30, 1951, at New York, entitled "Communist Party, USA, District No. 2, New York Division; Internal Security - C."

It is noted that no information concerning membership in the Communist Party was included in the details of the report. This information was instead set forth under the administrative section of the report. In the future in all quarterly reports there should be included a membership section in the details of the report.

Your attention is directed to the information on pages 120 and 121 of referenced report. It is noted that the membership figure used was computed by taking the percentage of the national membership which percentage was arrived at by using the years 1947 and 1948 as the norm. It appears quite possible that more accurate information could be obtained from well-informed informants of the New York Division. Every effort should be made to obtain a membership figure based either on public reports of the Party or based upon information furnished by reliable confidential informants of your office.

It is noted that on page 121 it was indicated that the New York state membership averaged 43.6% of the total national membership during the years 1947 and 1948. It is then stated that the present membership of 22575 was computed by taking 46% of 51785 and deducting the membership of the Albany and Buffalo Divisions. It appears that there has been a slight error in computation on the part of the New York Division. For your information the figures which will be utilized for the next quarter for the Communist Party membership in District No. 2 are 22575 for District No. 2 and 21827 for the area covered by the New York Division.

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Director, FBI

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Rebuletts 1/3 and 2/5/51.

The New York Office has always been aware of the desirability of obtaining accurate current membership figures both on a state and national basis and every effort has been and will continue to be made to supply the Bureau periodically with such data.

All confidential informants and other established sources are contacted regularly in this connection but to their knowledge no accurate, current membership statistics have been available recently. In addition, all reports, publications and documents both public and private issued by the Party are carefully reviewed for references to membership figures but these likewise during recent months have disclosed nothing of substance.

It was hoped that at the New York State and National conventions of the Communist Party held in New York City in late December, 1950 that some mention would be made relative to membership figures during the course of the proceedings but such was not the case.

The Bureau will be promptly advised whenever this office obtains any information with respect to state and national membership statistics.

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New York, New York  
February 19, 1951

MEMO

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
DISTRICT #2  
NEW YORK DIVISION  
(KINGS COUNTY);  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On December 28, 1950, January 4, 1951, and February 15, 1951, [redacted] of known reliability, furnished the following information concerning the activities of the Jay Smith Clubs #1 and #2, Boro Hall Section, Kings County, Communist Party:

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On July 7, 1950, at a meeting of the Jay Smith Club #1 held at the home of [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, [redacted] stated that not one longshoreman had been recruited into the Party during the past year in the Boro Hall Section. He stated that the longshore activity was the most important of all activities in the section.

On August 17, 1950 [redacted] made a statement that the Boro Hall Section was forced to give up their headquarters at 363 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, and the county staff had been reduced by two-thirds in order to provide money for the defense of the Party. It was also stated by [redacted] that many full-time Party members were going without pay.

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[redacted] also stated that a security check was being instituted among all Party members. All executive members were to answer personal questions in order that the Party would have the necessary information to rid itself of weaklings who would furnish information to the

cc: NY 100-74560 (CP, USA, Funds)  
100-81338 (CP, USA, Security Measures)  
100-80641 (CP, USA, Organization)  
100-80638 (CP, USA, Membership)

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100-26603-043

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FBI under pressure. One of the questions which Party members would be asked would be the degree to which the comrade could make sacrifices in the event that the Party was outlawed.

On August 22, 1950, [ ] stated at a meeting of the executive committee of the Jay Smith Club #1 held at the home of [ ] Brooklyn, that it was imperative that the Party act on a group basis immediately in order to provide for more mobility and in order to reach members quickly.

On August 24, 1950, at an executive committee meeting of the Jay Smith Club #1 [ ] at whose home at 138 Bond Street the meeting was held, stated that there were to be no more large club membership meetings because of security reasons. In addition, there were to be no further regular staffs, that is, meetings of the branch and section executives. Furthermore, the Boro Hall Section, as well as all Brooklyn Sections, was being re-organized and would henceforth operate on a complete group basis similar to the clubs. One section executive was to supervise a group of clubs.

On August 29, 1950, this reorganization of the Boro Hall Section was confirmed at a meeting held at the home of [ ] At this meeting [ ] stated that the clubs in the Boro Hall Section had been divided into areas each under the supervision of an area director.

On October 2, 1950, at an informal meeting held at the home of [ ] it was announced that the Party was undertaking a verification program to weed out anyone suspected of being a spy. It was stated that the Party, similar to the FBI, has counter methods of investigation to detect spies. County members were to be verified by state officials, sections members to be verified by county officials, branch and group executives by section officials, and rank and file by group captains.



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On November 3, 1950 a typical verification was observed by the informant and included the following questions:

1. Where do you live?
2. With whom do you live?
3. What is your economic background, that is, the industry in which you are employed?
4. What type of a concern do you work for?
5. Is it bourgeoisie, unionized?
6. What is your nationality background?
7. Your religion?
8. Are you a member of a union or a mass organization?
9. How did you come to join the Communist Party?
10. Who recruited you?
11. What Party positions have you held?
12. What is your formal Marxist education?
13. What struggles have you participated in, such as picket lines, demonstrations, etc.?
14. Have you ever disagreed with the Party?
15. Have you ever had contact with its enemies, such as expelled members?
16. Are you suspicious of anyone in the Party now?
17. Has any disciplinary action ever been taken against you?
18. What is the state of your health?
19. Have you ever had psychiatric treatment?
20. Are you a narcotic addict?
21. What is your feeling regarding Negro equality?

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On October 9, 1950 an informal meeting was held at the home of [redacted] at which [redacted] stated that the Boro Hall Section staff was made up of committee men and three members assigned to each committee man to act as club coordinators.

On November 20, 1950 an executive committee meeting of the Jay Smith Clubs #1 and 2 was held at the home of [redacted] Brooklyn, at which it was stated that a pre-convention discussion was to be held of each group during the week following this meeting, and that one comrade was to be designated as a possible delegate to the section convention. From each of these possible delegates elected from the groups one delegate would be finally elected to represent the club as a whole at the section convention. These delegates would be notified at a later date as to when and where the convention was to be held.

On December 18, 1950 at an executive committee meeting of the Jay Smith Clubs #1 and 2 held at the home of [redacted] stated that Communist Party members were to become active in mass organizations in order to carry on Party activities. Such mass organizations should not have the stigma of Communist infiltration and should be similar to the YMCA, YWCA, NAACP, Parent-Teacher Associations, tenant groups, American-Jewish Congress, and youth groups.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: February 17, 1951

FROM : SAC, Buffalo

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.  
MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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BC-140 informed Special Employee [redacted] of the Buffalo Office that on February 12, 1951 at a meeting of the Erie County Communist Party Executive Committee JOHN NOTO (Western New York Communist Party Chairman) discussed registration of the members. According to informant, NOTO stated that at the present time in the Southern Tier of New York ninety-one percent was registered; in Rochester, N.Y., eighty-one percent registered, and in Syracuse, N.Y., eighty percent registered. NOTO went on to say in Buffalo the registration was the lowest but the percentage for the Western New York Sub-District was about seventy-two percent, which was the highest in the State as the State average was about fifty-six percent.

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Informant also reported that NOTO stated there had been a proposal (at New York State Communist Party Committee meeting in New York City on February 11, 1951) that there be a Recruiting Drive starting on WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's birthday.

This information is submitted for your information.

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New York, New York  
February 24, 1951

MEMO:

RE: CPUSA  
Dist. #2, NY Div.  
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By attached report dated 1-19-51, [redacted] advised that she attended a meeting of the Day Group of the Cane Park CP Club, at the home of [redacted] Ozone Park, L. I., NY.

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Topics discussed at this meeting included: re-registration of CP members, group activities, peace activities, publications, a convention report, and civil rights.

Agents concerned have been advised.

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cc: 62-8443 (RAC)  
100-63670 [redacted]  
100-10675 (C.R.C.)  
97-169 (Freedom of the Press, Inc.)  
100-27167 ("Political Affairs")  
100-81675 (CPUSA-Pamphlets & Publications)  
100-26781 (American Women For Peace)  
100-80633 (CPUSA-Membership)  
100-86249 [redacted]

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1/10/51 Day Group meeting of the Corona Park Club of the Communist Party. Held at the home of [redacted] Corona Park, L.I.

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Proposed Agenda:

- [redacted] said, "The proposed agenda is:
1. Dues and re-registration
  2. Day group - best afternoon of the week to hold our meetings, and group activities and tickets.
  3. Press and literature
  4. Convention report and discussion.

Is there anything else that anyone would like to add to this agenda?"  
Accepted.

Re-registration:

[redacted] asked that [redacted] go into the kitchen with her to be re-registered. She filled out the blue slips that [redacted] had given her before this meeting.

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[redacted] Female; white; joined the Communist Party in 1942; Financial status is OK; is now a housewife not working in any shop; At present unemployed and said her only profession is Office Typist; is a former member of the CIO in Columbia Machine Works war plant; has two sons [redacted] years of age; husband [redacted] has two used car businesses, one on Queens Blvd now.

[redacted] Female; white; joined the Communist Party about 13 years ago about 1937; financial status is very tight; not working in any shop but is now a housewife; unemployed at the present time and has no profession; did multigraphing work in a factory, in a gage laboratory during the war, was a CIO member then; graduated from Brooklyn College; and has two children an [redacted] old boy and a [redacted] old girl.

[redacted] to find out how much dues they owe. [redacted] said she paid [redacted] some money in August but doesn't know how much or to what date.

Day Group & Activities:

[ ] said, "Is it fully agreed that Wednesday afternoon is the best for the majority of this club to meet?" All agreed if it was all right with the others. Day group will continue to meet Wednesday's.

[ ] said, "We should say something more on Peace activity today be-

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cause all were not present at the last meeting. At the last meeting we present agreed to take on Peace group building as a club activity for the day group. [ ] has been elected treasurer of the new peace club which has been named the "South Queens Women for Peace". I think perhaps that [ ] holding office in this group should make some concrete suggestions on building up the Peace group in our area. Such as having dues cards made up with subscriptions to the Peacemaker on the bottom of these cards. Then we could suggest also that cards for membership into this peace group be made up, this would help us to get new members to sign up into the peace group. We could also suggest that three leaflets be mimeographed as follow ups to the last peace leaflet we made up and which we are to distribute today at the end of this meeting. Also it can be suggested at the next peace group meeting that we could start a membership drive for new members by pledging one or two new members say by February 15th. [ ] gave 25¢ for dues into the peace group for this area.

Here [ ] suggested that we ask for [ ] to be transfers into our day group. [ ] promised to ask for her.

Announcements:

Jan 12, 1951 - Police National Hall, Public Meeting in defense of Civil Rights. 150-20 180th Avenue, Jamaica, N.Y. Admission 25¢. All were told to support this meeting.

Jan 31st: - To hold this date open there will be a big peace rally as a memorial to Roosevelt by the Women for Peace.

Press & Literature:

[ ] buys her Daily and Sunday Worker at a candy store at the corner of Liberty Avenue and 115th Street, Ozone Park, L.I.

[ ] gets the Sunday Worker in the mail at the present time but wishes to stop it coming through the mails. Will try to order it at a candy store in her neighborhood at [ ]

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[redacted] said she would like to get her Workers also, but is afraid to have them sent to her house. Doesn't know if she can find a newstand just outside her own neighborhood. [redacted] asked that she try to solve this problem so she can get it.

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Convention Report:

[redacted] said, "The big monopolies and trusts in the US and all over the world are getting fewer and fewer, and Socialism is growing larger and larger; because of the squeezing out of smaller businesses, until now we see that it remains only in the hands of a very few. This will eventually wipe out all Capitalism anyway. Capitalism is wiping itself out by slow process. There has always been crises over production in society, a large surplus of goods, the firing of workers, untold suffering, bankruptcy and etc. Until many of the states thruout

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the world today have already moved forward toward Socialism for the answer, and the working masses thruout the world are fighting for Socialism and they will continue to fight for Socialism, which will eventually wipe out Capitalism anyway. We have only to read Political Economy to see Capitalism going through this decadent stage; and Capitalism is crumbling by its own weight. It is decaying like a parasite on the body of mankind. The U.S. system is rotten and its crumbling mightily bad.

But the masses thruout the world today are moving forward into Socialism, they see in Socialism no unpaid labor, hours will be cut and productive workers would increase. Socialism is the answer and the masses headed by the working class can and will fight all the forces of Capitalism.

In 1950 our Party has faced a most crucial year in the history of our country. The American ruling class is trying to betray the American working class by outlawing and destroying our Communist Party. They are our enemies and yet our Communist Party has continued to move forward and hold our Party conventions. We have all had discussions with each other, whether at meetings or just by visiting each other. But we have had our discussions. The trend of these discussions was based on "better mass work", on Peace, on press, and on white chauvinism or Trade Unions and etc. This was the aim of these discussions. And all this was taken to the Section convention and the Section convention took it to the County convention, and the County to the National convention. I point this out to show how democratic our Party is; and this in a most crucial year, our Party has yet had to face. Here are copies of our discussion collections, which we are into in discussing."

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[ ] told here that she is confused on how the CP will eventually wipe itself out. [ ] repeated and elaborated on her reasons given in the above report.

[ ] suggested that all read over these convention reports themselves, and then we could have a discussion next week on the "Struggle for Peace against War" if the comrades agreed. Accepted. [ ] will ask [ ] for the October 1950 issue of the Political Affairs, which answered many of these questions on the struggle for peace in an article by Ben Hall.

[ ] had a woman relative come in to visit and was unable to leave with the others to distribute the leaflets on peace.

Meeting ended approx. 3:45 p.m.

[ ] kept saying that she would have to rush home, that her mother thinks she only went out shopping for an hour or so. [ ] said she would like to give her leaflets out at night. These leaflets were issued by the Communist Party and have been previously submitted.

[ ] had said today before this meeting that Caesar [ ] was married to a girl from [ ] last Friday.

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New York, New York  
February 27, 1951

MEMO:

RE: CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By attached report dated 2/3/51, [redacted] furnished information concerning re-registration of members in the Communist Party. Informant's report included a facsimile of the registration card being used for this purpose.

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Agents concerned have been advised.

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cc: 62-8443 (P & C)  
100-92279 [redacted]  
100-88249 [redacted]  
100-77755 [redacted]  
100-26603-C358 (Jamaica Section)  
100-81338 CPUSA - Security Measures  
100-85800 CPUSA - Membership

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Report on blue slips used for re-registration in the Communist Party.

[redacted] had given [redacted] two blue slips to re-register  
[redacted]

The paper was blue mimeo paper. The following was printed twice with the letter size paper torn in halves as follows:

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

Negro ( )

Length of time in party

ECONOMIC STATUS

Shop \_\_\_\_\_

Housewife \_\_\_\_\_

Employed \_\_\_\_\_

Prof. \_\_\_\_\_

(Torn carelessly across 8 1/2 X 11 here) After being returned to [redacted] she filled the name of the person across the top of the sheet because she said she has to make a report back to the Jamaica Staff meeting on these comrades, and otherwise she would not be able to tell who the people were.

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New York, New York  
February 27, 1951

MEMO:

RE: [REDACTED]  
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By attached report dated 1/10/51, [REDACTED]  
advised that she met with [REDACTED] prior to a group meeting on  
the same date.

The discussion mostly concerned registration  
of members, and distribution of pamphlets.

Agents concerned have been advised.

[REDACTED] SA

cc: 62-8443 (P & C)

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100-88249

100-77755

100-63670

100-98781 (American Women for Peace)

100-80638 (CPUSA - Membership)

100-81675 (CPUSA - Pamphlets & Publications)

100-81338 (CPUSA - Security Measures)

100-85800 (CPUSA - Membership)

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Visit of [ ] to [ ] before [ ] group meeting.

[ ] said, "First, [ ], what did you think of the peace meeting Monday night?"

[ ] said, "I think that we hit a back-log. Or we did seem to."

[ ] nodded "yes", and said, "But it wasn't a dangerous one, though." "I was groping for words, wasn't I?"

[ ] said, "I was trying to think of the right words to use too."

[ ] told [ ] that she handled the group meeting wonderfully well. That everything was very well presented. That [ ] is a wonderful organizer, and [ ] asked [ ] "You didn't realize it, did you?" [ ] just shook her head "no".

[ ] said she was well satisfied. I'm going to give you the blue slips to re-register [ ] if you will. There are still some questions I will have to ask them later though. But you get these slips filled out and I will initial them because I'll forget who these people are if I don't. (Nothing in writing-ha)

[ ] said, "Now that [ ] has been elected to the exact of the Women for Peace group, you can tell her that she can make some concrete suggestions such as:

Making up dues cards with subscriptions to the Peacemaker at the bottom of these cards.

Also cards can be made up as invitation to membership cards.

Also that it would be a good idea to run a series of three leaflets, as follow ups.

Also, pledges to bring in so many members, say by Feb. 15th.

These are concrete suggestions and they should be presented to the peace group. What will be your agenda for today?, said [ ]

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[ ] said, "then I shall add Peace to the agenda. Registration; leaflet distribution of "Entire Regiment wiped out"; and the convention report; also the tickets for Polish National Hall for Friday night.

[ ] agreed with this agenda. [ ] said to get a hold of [ ] and don't be too soft with her. Find out from her where are the people she was supposed to bring out to the peace meeting.

[ ] had phoned [ ] insisting that it was very important that [ ] run to her house because it was so important, before the afternoon group meeting today. [ ] thought she would be yelled at for the activity of peace and railroad spoken of at the first group meeting. [ ] had said, "Then I take it that we accept both assignments!" (instead of making the group think they made the suggestions.)

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New York, New York  
February 28, 1951

MEMO:

RE: CP, USA  
DIST #2, NY DIV.  
IS - C

By attached report dated 2/1/51, [ ] advised that she attended a Divisional Meeting of the Ozone Park Club of the CP, on this date held at [ ] Richmond Hill, NY.

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Topics discussed at this meeting were: youth activities, women's activities. Negro question, factionalism, membership, infiltrating into industry, and the "Daily Worker" subscription drive.

Agents concerned have been advised.

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cc-NY 62-8443 (P. and C.)

NY 100-92279

NY 100-87301

NY 100-73528

NY 100-63670

NY 100-83979

NY 100-94326

NY 100-26388

NY 100-80644 (CP, USA-Youth)

NY 100-80640 (CP, USA-Negro Question)

NY 100-87211 (CP, USA-Factionalism)

NY 100-80638 (CP, USA-Membership)

NY 100-89590 (CP, USA-Strategy in Labor)

NY 97-169 (Freedom of the Press, Inc.)

NY 100-68478

NY 100-81752 (CP, USA-Brief)

NY 100-80634 (CP, USA-Farmers)

NY 100-80633 (CP, USA-Education)

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2/1/51 Divisional Meeting of the Ozone Park Club of the CP.  
Held at the home of [REDACTED]  
Richmond Hill, NY.

PRESENT:

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REMARKS

Jamaica Sect. Organizer  
Co-ordinator from Section  
to Ozone Park

Captain of one of [REDACTED]  
three groups.

Captain of one of [REDACTED]  
three groups.

Co-ordinator from Section to [REDACTED] b6  
Ozone Park. Also has three b7C  
groups. Captains are:

[REDACTED]  
Third Captain unknown to me.  
Member of [REDACTED]  
group.

[REDACTED] asked to sit at [REDACTED] desk as usual. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] added up dues money turned in to her, and Worker sub drive,  
renewals, saying she has to turn in her report on this tonight.  
(However, she only made a report that 15 subs have been turned in to  
her so far. The envelope containing sub renewals and dues money was  
turned over to [REDACTED] by [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] said, "I want to introduce [REDACTED], our new Jamaica  
Section Organizer. I think it is wonderful that this Section found  
a Negro woman, who could take over the duties as organizer, and not  
have to go out of this Section to have to find one. [REDACTED] has  
done a wonderful job of building this section and we are mighty  
proud that he has been sent into the County to work. I'm sure he  
will do just as good a job there as he did here. I'll let [REDACTED]  
take over from here".

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[REDACTED] (Phonetic):  
HIGH LIGHTS ON NATIONAL CONVENTION:

[REDACTED] (phonetic) said, "I've been introduced by [REDACTED] in

a way. I don't think that most of you know me though, I've been here a year and came from Michigan. [redacted] told me tonight that he had forgotten a previous meeting and could not come and introduce me tonight, but that no one had ever introduced him around, so I'll just have to introduce myself. However, [redacted] did the job here for me".

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[redacted] (phonetic) said, "I want to talk on the high lights of the National convention. It is already late, we have gotten started late, so I'll have to keep it as short as I can, because there are 3 items I want to take up, if I can tonight".

[redacted] said, "This will be the last Divisional Meeting held, and I have attended the National Convention of the CP. It was the largest convention we ever had for a National Convention. There was two-hundred and six that attended this convention. There were 44 women present and 23 of these were Negro women, mostly from the South. These consisted of working class, housewives, farm workers, and even Marine from the borders. JIM JACKSON who is head of the CP in the South certainly did a wonderful job of building up the South, after we had previous reports that the Party had faded up entirely in the South. The South was well represented at this convention.

Telegrams poured in from all over the US and all over the world, congratulating us on holding this convention in the face of the McCarran Act. A wire came in from JOE STALIN and this wire was signed by him too. I can't tell you just how everyone present felt when this wire was read. It was so thrilling to receive a wire from JOE STALIN and even signed by him, it gave a feeling of security, a feeling that JOE STALIN was really in back of the American CP. All felt it that had attended this convention, and I can't begin to tell you how thrilled we all felt.

There were many issues that were discussed that were discussed at this convention. Some taking several hours and when brought up again took several hours more. There was four sub reports. A new National Farm Commission has been started up of which PETTIS PERRY is the chairman. We need more Youth and how to win them was also discussed. Also the women question was discussed and how to develop them. There was many struggles that were discussed, as white chauvinism, left sectarianism, and the negro question as a National Question.

Then there was the State's complaint against the Queens Co. leadership. Out Co. leadership fought against the State leadership on bringing this complaint up at all before the National Convention until they had time



to prepare their side of the case. They felt that they should have been given the opportunity to discuss this by themselves before it was brought up in front of the whole convention. The National Convention refused to agree with Queens Co. leadership on this, however, and it was discussed and brought out this convention.

The result was that [redacted] were removed from the County. The State leadership said that they brought the different issues to the Co. leadership and accused the County leadership of never bothering to bring it down to the Section and club level. One of them even had the nerve to get up and passed a left-sectarian remark before the whole convention, that he didn't think it was wrong to criticize FOSTER'S book "Twilight of World Capitalism" and DENNIS'S "People's Democracy". They didn't bring the issues down to the Section and Club level after the State gave it to them. We must remember that the National and State are our only leaders, so we have to accept whatever they tell us about the County.

Why [redacted] didn't even re-register in the CP. And even [redacted] and [redacted] as well as [redacted] have refused to accept criticism or take criticism. We recognized our weaknesses.

The new County leadership officers are, [redacted] as Educational Director he was brought back in as educational director, [redacted] as Co. Organizer, and [redacted] as Co. "all exact" or secretary. This is the first time that a Negro has been elected to the Co leadership and this is good because the Negro and farmers are the allies, of the CP. They are the ones we are to go after and work among. [redacted] will be helping our section a lot because it is considered a negro section. We have come out stronger than ever before, and will find ourselves more deeply rooted than ever before.

There will be pamphlets and discussion sheets which will soon be ready at our Section headquarters at the Blvd. (N.Y. Blvd, 107-04) I think by the beginning of next week. These will be on what took place in discussions at our National Convention. I think they will only cost something like five cents each so far as I know. They will come down through the County to the Section and to the club level I think by next week. We must all read these thoroughly before having discussions on them.

We should all work in factories at some kind of job in a factory, it doesn't matter what kind of a job. The Party is deep-rooted and we didn't realize before how deep-rooted our Party is among the American working class, until now. We see strikes still going on regardless of

the TRUMAN administration and of course with the Communists playing the van-guard roll. The railroad club, I know hasn't been meeting, but look at the trouble they are having now. They are thinking about striking and we must lend them our moral support. So the distribution of leaflets and "orkers and etc, had finally done its job. But we must let them know they have our moral support."

[ ] asked here if we would rather ask questions or let her go into the sub drive first. (Questions won).

[ ] said she didn't understand all the trouble with the County leadership and would like to know a great deal more as to what happened?

[ ] said she too would like to have educationals on left-sectarianism, on the developing of more women, on the youth and how to win them, in fact could the County prepare educationals on all the issues that came out of this convention for future club discussions?

[ ] said he also didn't understand fully just what the County leaders did wrong. That he has worked in the railroad group for some time now, and they have stopped giving out leaflets at the railroad yard but as you can see now, its having its effects now, they have read those leaflets we had given out. I don't understand either what you mean about the negro peoples and how we are to go about getting them.

[ ] said, [ ] you came in late to this meeting I know. But take [ ] for instance, he didn't even try to re-register in our Party. And the rest wouldn't and even refused to accept criticism. And we must also remember that the National leadership and the State leadership is the only leadership we have here so we must accept whatever they tell us about the County. We must accept whatever they have to say.

And [ ], there are many classes of negroes. There is the bourgeoisie, the middle class, the working class, and etc. We must remember that the main blow against Imperialism will come from the center of the black belt. We were represented by the South at this convention very well. There were share-croppers, and farmers and all classes of Negroes. The Negro people are our allies. As is the farmers. We need both.

Now to answer [ ] question. There will be pamphlets but

that I know isn't enough. So we will be having class at the Section Headquarters starting up, on left sectarianism, development of women, winning of Youth and etc. I'll let you know when.

[ ] said, "I know how deeply rooted we are in the American working class, and I feel that we should get busy and build up the railroad again.

[ ] said this will be taken care of.

RE-REGISTRATION:

[ ] (Phonetic) said, "Only 25% of our entire Section membership have re-registered this year. I've only found this out last Wednesday night, and I was shocked. I'll have to ask the club co-ordinators and maybe the Captains to help re-register all those comrades who haven't been re-registered to date".

SUB DRIVE:

[ ] said, "We have 20% of our goal on this sub drive to go. We are one half over our quota now. We will have a Sunday mobilization this Sunday all day in Jamaica. And we have taken 75 more workers than we usually take these we are calling 75 door openers because of the issues brought out in the Sunday's Worker.

[ ] reported that she has received 15 subs from her three groups to date. With one club in particular doing the most of this work. Will some one here tell something of the fund drive or is there any questions?

[ ] asked if she might go after [ ] for a sub, because this might lead to getting many other subs.

[ ] looked at [ ] who said, "Yes, you can go after [ ] And I think that's a very good idea".

[ ] said, "How have you [ ] made out on the six subs both of you promised?"

[ ] said, "I have turned in one, so far and [ ] has turned in two. Going after [ ] I feel sure I can get another sub there before this Sunday, which is our dead-line for the six subs, and I also expect one of my group to take another which has been promised." [ ] asked that [ ] get in touch with his group which she knows is now meeting on Wednesday's, to get them out for this Sunday mobilization at the Section Headquarters.

[redacted] said, "I can't get in touch with them by this Sunday, we don't meet until Wednesday, and I can't tell them this on the phone. You know, (looking at [redacted], that I was corrected when I mentioned a name that I was told I shouldn't have mentioned it".

[redacted] said, "Of course you can telephone them, even [redacted] who has to go next door to a neighbor's phone, and get them out this Sunday. I didn't mean about that name, the way you took it. Why everybody knows that a Worker drive is on, we even challenged [redacted] So of course you can talk about this over the phone".

[redacted] latter told [redacted] that she is very much surprised at the attitude that [redacted] is taking.

Meeting ended approx. 12:00 PM.

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New York 7, New York

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MEMO:

3-2-51

RE: CP, USA  
Membership  
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Source NYC

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Notes on Registration for Staff

1- Need to fight against liquidationist tendencies reflected in the following:

- a) lack of real campaign to complete registration
- b) Concept of "minimum standards" for membership
- c) Concepts of "token registration"
- d) Rigidity in regard to ~~typing~~ dues payments to registration.
- e) Abandonment or sloppiness in keeping of necessary records for sufficient knowledge of situation in Sections and Clubs.

2- What constitutes registration:

- a) Every member assigned to a club
- b) Mass ties discussed with each member
- c) dues payment
- d) analysis

3- Complete registration by February 1st.

- a) visit all unregistered members starting with this weekend and sell them subs to the Worker.
- b) Utilize all club organizers for this work whether their clubs are registered or not.

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3:00 PM

DIRECTOR, FBI

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OFFICE HAS DIRECTED THAT THE CP SHALL DEVOTE THE THIRTY DAYS FOLLOWING  
FEBRUARY TWENTYFIFTH TO RECRUITING, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON CONCENTRATION  
WORKERS.



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March 8, 1951

Director, FBI

RE:

COMMUNIST PARTY - U.S.A.  
MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Bureau File # 100-3-68

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- 1) Registration
- 2) Concentration Plans
- 3) Recruiting
- 4) The Foster Book

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As regards registration the letter states that the National Committee decided to undertake a fight to register 80% of our membership.

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Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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February 15, 1951

TO ALL STATE SECRETARIES

Dear Comrades:

We wish to raise a few important and urgent matters:

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Comradely yours,

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National Org. Dept.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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March 8, 1951

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP;  
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general outline of the proposed drive: Time-February 25-May 1st; Objective-  
A minimum of 1,000 recruits; Methods-The basis for this drive is planning and  
organization and not too much publicity.

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Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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100-20638-306

TO ALL DISTRICTS

Feb. 20, 1951

Memorandum on Recruiting Drive

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1. Where are the club members working?
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3. Where are the club members active?
4. What contact do they have with their shopmates, union mates, members of mass organizations, neighbors, friends, relatives, etc.?
5. Who of their contacts can be concentrated on to join the Party?
6. What activities can the club plan to help individual members to recruit? (House parties, theater parties, forums, socials, outings, etc.).

Leadership: The district, county and section committees are to assign its members to work with the concentration, shop, industrial and community clubs for the duration of the campaign.

Goals: The goals for the clubs to be determined by the club itself on the basis of the approach indicated above. In some clubs, the whole club may be required to assist one comrade in his efforts to recruit a key worker. In other clubs a number of individual comrades may undertake to recruit on their own.

In the course of this campaign an attempt should be made to re-recruit some of the dropped-out members.

Check-up: Recruiting to be on agenda of every meeting of all Party organizations and committees, to check on execution of decisions, to discuss the experiences of the comrades in their recruiting efforts and to plan the next steps in the campaign.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: *W* *CH* 15 1951

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
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Reference is made to Bulets dated January 8 and February 5, 1951, which instructed the New York Office to make diligent efforts to obtain accurate figures relating to the Communist Party membership in District No. 2.

Under date of March 4, 1951, the New York Office telephonically advised the Bureau that according to [redacted] the 1949-50 Communist Party membership in New York State was 18,000 members. This figure is considerably different from the figures furnished by the New York Office in the quarterly reports submitted during 1949 and 1950. [redacted]

[redacted] as head of the New York State Review Commission was undoubtedly in an excellent position to obtain membership figures of District No. 2. Apparently the New York Office overlooked the value of this informant in furnishing pertinent membership figures after he was developed by the New York Office and he was not contacted in this regard until requested to do so by the Bureau.

Keeping a close check on the Communist Party membership is one of the more important aspects of your coverage of Communist Party activities. The New York Office should make diligent efforts to ascertain insofar as possible an accurate breakdown of the membership figures for District No. 2 so that these figures can be incorporated in your next quarterly report due April 20, 1951.

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March 5, 1951

TO ALL DISTRICTS

Regarding April Control

Dear Comrades:

As has been the usual procedure in the past, we are planning a quarterly control of our membership. It is to take place during the month of April. The method by which this control is to be carried through is the purchase by the individual member of a March dues stamp which is designated as a special control stamp. This means that a real drive is to be developed to bring the membership dues standing up-to-date by paying up their back dues before they can purchase the March stamp.

This quarterly campaign, coming as it does in this period when we are attempting to conclude our registration reaching 80% of the membership, is of greatest importance. As yet a number of districts have not followed through in the spirit of the National Committee decision to reach that objective. We propose to finally conclude the registration with the April control.

We want to take this opportunity to institute and fight for a system of accounting in dues payments.

Under separate cover you will receive a supply of 1951 dues stamps. We propose that these stamps which will be designated for each month be used as a method of accounting for dues payments monthly. We should inform the membership not to pay dues unless they are given a dues stamp as a form of receipt. The April control should be utilized to institute this procedure. A real follow through on April control will also be helpful to bring up the dues payments which have been seriously lagging in the past 2 months. We propose the following:

1. That the State Boards have a discussion of April control as a major political event facing the Party, and concretely organize April control with definite responsibility designated for this major event.
2. That following the State Board discussion, April control be placed on the agenda of County and Section Committee meetings where the concrete organization of the April control takes place and guarantees established for meeting with each club.
3. That final and concrete steps be worked out to reach the still unregistered members as part of April control month and re-registered.

Comradely yours,

NATIONAL ORG. DEPT.

New York 7, New York

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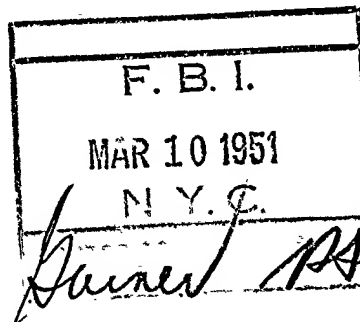
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Goals: The goals for the clubs to be determined by the club itself on the basis of the approach indicated above. In some clubs, the whole club may be required to assist one comrade in his efforts to recruit a key worker. In other clubs a number of individual comrades may undertake to recruit on their own.

In the course of this campaign an attempt should be made to re-recruit some of the dropped-out members.

Check-up: Recruiting to be on agenda of every meeting of all Party organizations and committees, to check on execution of decisions, to discuss the experiences of the comrades in their recruiting efforts and to plan the next steps in the campaign.

Concentration industries: Party commissions in the concentration industries to assume responsibility for direct contact with the major clubs in their industry and assist in the adoption and successful execution of their recruiting plans. Each commission to adopt a goal for recruits in their industry.

Ideological problems: The success of this campaign will depend on the ability of the leadership to clarify to the whole Party that this is a time for recruiting. The basic concept of a Marxist Party is that precisely when the class struggle rages sharpest is the time to recruit. The key to recruiting, however, is the recognition of the fact that as a result of the sharpening struggles there is a growing attack on our Party and that in the face of the growth of reaction, our Party has adopted methods of organization and work which are designed to provide a maximum security to the individual Party member.

Material: No special material will be issued in the drive. However, the Party clubs, sections, counties and districts and the National Office are to intensify the issuance of material dealing with the major problems confronting the workers, the Negro people, the interests of the various industries, shops, communities, national groups, women, youth, etc. In this material, while dealing with immediate issues, our socialist perspective should be dealt with in order to present the role of our Party in a rounded-out fashion.

Publicity: The Daily Worker and other publications will feature stories dramatizing the fact that workers are joining our Party and their reasons for joining it at this time.

Mass work: This drive is to take place during the heightened activities for peace and during the height of the struggle around the economic demands of the workers, defense of our Party, for Negro rights, civil rights and a score of other issues growing out of the effects of the war drive. The greatest success in this recruiting drive will depend on the greatest participation and effectiveness of our Party membership in these movements and struggles.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, New York  
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bufile 100-3-68)

DATE: Mar. 15, 1951

Re report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER dated February 6, 1951 at New York, captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", covering proceedings of the 15th national convention of the Communist Party, USA held in December, 1950 in New York City.

The "Call for the 15th National Convention of the C.P.U.S.A.", made available by Confidential Source NYC 426, set forth in re report, states, in part, on page 12:

"... Each state or district organization shall elect one delegate for every 200 members in good standing, or fraction thereof. Members in good standing shall be based on an average dues payment of the district for the first 11 months of 1950."

Re report reflects on page 272 that a report of the credentials committee, according to Confidential Informant ND 610, disclosed that there were 206 regular delegates to the convention. Multiplying this number by 200 gives a total of 41,200 and allowing for necessary approximate fractional deductions the approximate figure of 39,000 is thus arrived at as the national membership of the Communist Party, USA as of November 30, 1950.

The fractional deductions mentioned above are best illustrated by using, as an example, District No. 23 (Texas) which sent two delegates to the convention representing 227 members, this being the latest available membership for Texas as reported by the Offices covering this state. Assuming the figure 227 is reasonably correct, thus the second delegate was selected from the fraction of 27 members above 200.

cc: All Offices

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Letter to Director, FBI  
NY 100-80638

The report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER dated February 17, 1951 at New York, entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, District No. 2, New York Division; Internal Security -C", covering proceedings of the 15th New York State Communist Party convention in New York City in December, 1950, indicates on page 150, according to Confidential Informant ND 609, that New York State elected 85 delegates to the aforementioned national convention. The number of delegates multiplied by 200 gives the figure 16,500 (less necessary approximate fractional deductions) as the approximate membership of the New York State Communist Party as of November 30, 1950.

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The foregoing membership figures approximate those recently furnished by [redacted]  
[redacted]

It is believed that other Offices, if they have ascertained the number of delegates who attended the national convention from their respective Communist Party districts, might wish to verify their approximate district memberships on the basis of the method used above.

## RED PARTIES PURGE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS

**Tightening Up Against Titoist  
Heresy and Nationalism Has  
Cleaned Out 2,000,000**

By HARRY SCHWARTZ

More than 2,000,000 persons have been expelled from Communist parties in Eastern Europe and China during the last three years in purges that are still continuing and whose final toll may reach the 5,000,000 figure, evidence available in this country indicates.

These purges have taken place intermittently in different countries. They are now being conducted most vigorously in Eastern Germany, Czechoslovakia and China. They have reduced the membership of the parties affected to a level substantially below the post-war peaks reached during 1948-50.

The objectives of the mass expulsions that have taken place in country after country where the Communists are now in power has been to remove from the ruling party all persons whose loyalty to Stalinism has been suspect. Since the rise of the Tito heresy in Yugoslavia the chief criterion has become loyalty to the Soviet Union in an effort to weed out "bourgeois nationalists," those who put the welfare of their own country ahead of the interests of the Soviet Union.

All the Communist parties in countries ruled by them grew very swiftly in the post-war period as people in different countries sought to jump on the bandwagon and get on the right side of the ruling clique. This tendency was reinforced in Eastern Europe by the forced marriages carried out between the old Communist and Socialist parties in those countries, marriages that brought hundreds of thousands of "unreliable" new members into the new unitary workers' parties formed in such countries as Hungary and Poland.

### Parties Mushroomed

Indicative of the speed with which Communist parties grew after World War II are these statistics: The Chinese Communist party, which had only 2,000,000 members in 1947, had well over 5,000,000 in mid-1950. In Czechoslovakia, after the coup of February, 1948, membership doubled from 1,250,000 to 2,500,000. These experiences were paralleled in other countries.

The purges of the last three years have thus been aimed at countering this trend toward mass parties embracing millions of persons of doubtful loyalty but having only small cadres of indoctrinated and fanatical Stalinists who could be fully trusted. To change the situation the purges have removed the least trustworthy newcomers, and the rebellious old party members suspected of Titoism, while simultaneously intensive propaganda and education campaigns have been conducted to instill Stalinist doctrine and loyalty into those remaining in the party.

Czechoslovakia has lost at least 1,000,000 members from its Communist party, declining from a peak of 2,500,000 to a reported 1,500,000 last month. In the wake of the recent arrest of Vladimir Clementis and other "traitors," a continued intensive purge of that party seems likely.

In Hungary and Rumania, present evidence indicates, more than 300,000 persons have been ousted from each country's Workers (Communist) party in the last three years. The Hungarian party, which at the peak exceeded 1,200,000 members, is now down to about 880,000, while in Rumania the last reported membership of about 700,000 is well under the top figure of more than 1,000,000. In Bulgaria more than 100,000 have been expelled.

### Purge in East Germany

No figures have been released on the number purged from East Germany's Socialist Unity party, which is now undergoing another severe cleansing. Since its peak membership reported in the past has been about 1,800,000 persons, even the loss of 20 per cent—a moderate loss in the light of other Eastern European parties—would mean that almost 400,000 had been removed.

Since the middle of 1950 the Chinese Communist party, second largest in the world, has been engaged in paring down its membership after its unparalleled growth. Reports from Calcutta and other listening posts near Red China have indicated the Chinese leaders' intentions of reducing their party from its peak of close to 6,000,000 to 3,000,000 or 4,000,000.

Little is known in detail in the outside world about the fates of those who have been expelled to date. At the extreme, leading Communists, such as Laszlo Rajk in Hungary and Traicho Kostov in Bulgaria, have been executed. Others are believed to have been placed in forced labor camps. The great majority, however, probably remain at liberty, living under a cloud because of their expulsion and often dismissed from the desirable portion they had while in the ruling party.

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ATTENTION: ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR D.M. LADD

C.P. MEMBERSHIP, IS DASH C. DAYLET. SF ONE FOUR TWO FIVE ADVISED THIS DATE THAT WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, CHAIRMAN, C.P. THIRTEENTH DISTRICT, AND ARCHIE BROWN, C.P. STATE TRADE UNION DIRECTOR, THIS DATE DISCUSSED THE EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW OF DIRECTOR HOOVER REGARDING C.P. MEMBERSHIP APPEARING IN U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT MAGAZINE. SCHNEIDERMAN COMMENTED "HE GAVE FIGURES, SAYS THIS IS ALL WE HAVE LEFT." BROWN COMMENTED "GOT TO GIVE HIM CREDIT." SCHNEIDERMAN REPLIED "YES, UNFORTUNATELY."

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CC: LOS ANGELES (AM)  
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New York, New York  
April 13th, 1951

MEMO

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By attached report dated February 23, 1951, [ ] set out the registered membership of the Queensbridge CP Club, as of this date. Separate memos are being submitted on the individuals mentioned in informant's report.

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Agent concerned have been advised.

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cc: 62-9662 (P & C)  
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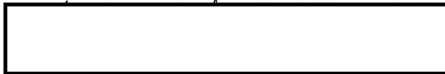
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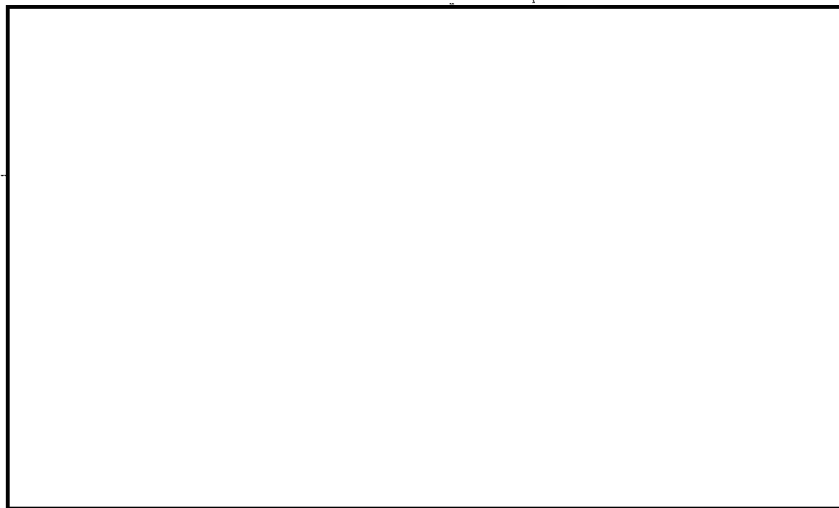
There is a new registered member of the party, his transfer has come through to this club. He is from Flushing. As yet I haven't been able to contact family but this is the data on him:

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I understand, he is an elderly man. That is dues are paid up to Aug.

I will run over the list of those now registered in the Queensbridge Club.



# F. B. I. Agents Placed in Red Underground

**Hoover Puts Party's Total  
Membership at 43,217,  
a Drop of 20% in Year**

WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP).—J. Edgar Hoover disclosed today the Federal Bureau of Investigation has secret agents among a group of Communists in the United States which he said "has gone underground for possible action at a later date."

In a copyrighted interview in the magazine "U. S. News and World Report," the F. B. I. director said, "This technique is necessary in keeping abreast with clandestine operations of any subversive organization."

Mr. Hoover said, "All that remains of the Communist party . . . above ground is a self-constituted core, which for appearance's sake maintains a public contact."

A new F. B. I. "count" of party members in the United States puts their total at 43,217, Mr. Hoover said. This is more than 20 per cent less than the 55,000 figure he gave newsmen last year. The party itself has stopped issuing membership figures.

Mr. Hoover gave this breakdown on the number of avowed Communists in the various states and territories: Alabama, 133; Arizona, 158; Arkansas, 49; California, 4,550; Colorado, 180; Connecticut, 580; Delaware, 22; Florida, 225; Georgia, 76; Idaho, 60; Illinois, 3,150; Indiana, 475; Iowa, 40; Kansas, 6; Kentucky, 71; Louisiana, 50; Maine, 25; Maryland, 431; Massachusetts, 759; Michigan, 750; Minnesota, 701; Mississippi, 1; Missouri, 358; Montana, 82; Nebraska, 35; Nevada, 16; New Hampshire, 52; New Jersey, 1,571; New Mexico, 24; New York, 22,575; North Carolina, 130; North Dakota, 52; Ohio, 1,060; Oklahoma, 120; Oregon, 150; Pennsylvania, 2,322; Rhode Island, 54; South Carolina, 17; South Dakota, Tennessee, 37; Texas, 227; Vermont, 25; Virginia, Washington, 807; West Virginia, 109; Wisconsin, 370; Wyoming, 4; Alaska, 10; Hawaii, 36; Puerto Rico, 112, and District of Columbia, 210.

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## O'DWYER GIVES LIE TO CRANE CHARGE

Calls Story of a \$10,000 Gift  
'Vicious' Falsehood — Judge  
Leibowitz Sees Huge Graft

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, March 26—Ambassador William O'Dwyer filed with the Senate Crime Investigating Committee today a blanket denial that he received \$10,000 from John Crane, president of the Uniformed Firemen's Association, in 1949, at a time when Mr. O'Dwyer was Mayor of New York. Mr. Crane testified at the committee's hearing in New York last week that he had made such a gift. Senator Estes Kefauver, Democrat of Tennessee, chairman of the committee, read Mr. O'Dwyer's statement into the committee record at the beginning of today's hearing here.

"Mr. Crane's accusation is a vicious lie," the Ambassador's statement said, "It was made under the pressure of desperate necessity to save his own skin and to account for \$135,000 of union funds which he has handled."

"His financial manipulation of these funds was, at the very moment of Mr. Crane's appearance before your committee, the subject of investigation by the grand jury of New York County. This investigation is in the stage of inquiry and has not yet been completed."

"I have spent over thirty-five of my sixty years in public life, as policeman, magistrate, county judge, District Attorney, Army officer, minister, Mayor and now as Ambassador. I cannot believe that your committee intended to allow, or be a party to, an attempt to destroy, in ten minutes, by an unsubstantiated and unsupported charge, a reputation earned in a lifetime."

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### Skeptical of Curb on Crime

The committee heard a good deal about crime conditions in New York during its session today. J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in urging continuation of the activities of the committee, said that reform movements in New York came and went and "are usually just a splash in the bucket."

He indicated he was by no means satisfied that connections between New York political figures and underworld giants had been seriously interrupted. As recently as 1945, he told the committee, there were indications of undue official prestige and attention was given to Irving Sherman, whom Mr. Hoover described as a leading figure in the underworld.

At that time, he said, Sherman was traveling frequently between New York and Washington. On his arrival at La Guardia Field, Mr. Hoover added, Sherman would be met by a man who later became deputy police commissioner (otherwise undescribed) in a police car and whisked to his place of business in dispatch and comfort.

Senator Alexander Wiley, Republican of Wisconsin, asked Mr. Hoover whether Communists were active in organized crime. The witness replied that they were not, and used New York City to illustrate his point.

### Tells of Communist Union Ties

Of the 7,000 known Communists in New York City, he said, 28 per cent are members of unions belonging to the Congress of Industrial Organizations, 13 per cent are members of unions of the American Federation of Labor, and 7 per cent belong to independent unions.

The Communists are infiltrated into the unions, he added, to incite fellow members to violence and to stir up trouble. So far as their connection, as a body, with organized crime was concerned, he said, he considered them "only the incidental fringe of the underworld."

New York's main critic of the day, however, was Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz of the Kings County Court. He estimated that \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000 a year was paid by New York City gamblers as graft to policemen. He based his estimate on the discovery by the Brooklyn rackets grand jury that Harry Gross, a single operator, paid over \$1,000,000 a year in graft to venal police officers.

"If you destroy Costello," he said, "you will have another Costello overnight."

Connections between politicians and criminals have been of long standing in New York, dating back

to the era of Boss Tweed, Judge Leibowitz said. He said of the recent police shake-ups in Brooklyn that it was "a marvelous job of cleaning out the cellar, but the garret is untouched."

"I would let Costello go a thousand times, if I could lay hands on the wretch who protects him," he declared.

He said the committee should take notice of the support given to the grand jury inquiry into rackets by Frank Sinnott, the Brooklyn Democratic leader. He cited Mr. Sinnott as evidence that "not all politicians are crooked, not all leaders are in league with the underworld."

Senator Kefauver rejoined that his travels about the country in the course of the committee's inquiries had convinced him that the majority of good political leaders, Democratic and Republican, were of the same mind as Mr. Sinnott all over the nation.

Senator Alexander Wiley, Republican of Wisconsin, asked Judge Leibowitz to distinguish between a lawyer's legitimate activities in obtaining a fair trial for a criminal client and those in which he advises such a client to keep out of reach of the law.

"There are criminal lawyers," Judge Leibowitz replied, "and lawyer criminals."

After the hearing, Judge Leibowitz issued a statement saying his earlier remarks should not be construed as referring to the vast majority of New York policemen.

He said the administration of Mayor Impellitteri and that of Police Commissioner Thomas F. Murphy should not be considered to be involved.

"They are honest, hard-working

public servants," he said of the police, "woefully underpaid but doing a splendid job for the people of New York."

"Nor is my reference directed to all of the members of the higher echelon. It refers to the comparative handful of miscreants who took the gamblers' money so that they may operate with impunity."

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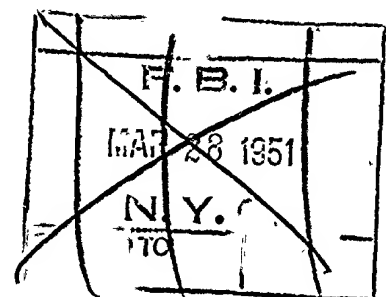
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New York, New York  
March 15, 1951

MEMO:

RE: CP, USA-MEMBERSHIP  
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By attached report dated 1/28/51, [redacted] advised that she canvassed members of the CP to get them to re-register and at the same time to get subscriptions to the Worker.

Agents concerned have been advised.

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cc-NY 62-9662 (P. and C.)  
NY 100-97379 [redacted]  
NY 97-169 (Freedom of the Press)  
NY 100-98082 [redacted]  
NY 100-101703 [redacted]

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L.U.C.  
New York, N.Y.

On Sunday 1/28/51, [ ] went out to re-register and verify the members. At the same time get subscriptions for W. The first seen was [ ] A Puerto Rican woman about 37 yrs. old. [ ] has previously asked to drop from party. When we saw her she said she was leaving soon for Puerto Rico also her family in Puerto Rico have government jobs. That she had no money to pay in any club or party. So she is out.

Second person to see was [ ] who is in the party under the name of [ ] he said yes he wanted a subscription that he would re-register but he would see someone that he knows like [ ] He lives at [ ]

Third person seen was [ ] She [ ] has a husband who is anti-party. [ ] got a subscription. She will or has re-registered in the party but has not paid her dues. She was asked about the charges that were brought against her. This is the way she explained the affair. That [ ] had been up to her house to see television at the same time she had given him some clothes to help out the family. That when he got ready to leave he just picked up everything out of the chair, that she thought her purse was in. After [ ] left the house [ ] missed her purse and couldn't find it. She then called [ ] on the phone and asked her did she think [ ] would take her purse. After this [ ] charged her with chauvinism. When the story was over [ ] accepted her as a re-registered member.

This was all the people saw on Sunday.

March 28, 1951

Re: Communist Party, USA  
Membership  
Internal Security-C

[redacted] advised SA Edward W. Buckley on February 24, 1951 that he had heard that the national membership of the Communist Party, USA was then around 40,000--the lowest membership since the very early days of the Party. b7D

[redacted] advised SA Buckley on February 27, 1951 that he estimated the 1949-50 national membership of the CPUSA between 35-40,000 and the New York State CP membership between 16-18,000. This source stated that the current national and state memberships would undoubtedly be less than the aforementioned figures.

It was estimated by this source that in 1949-50 about one-third of the New York State membership were members of trade unions.

SA Russell S. Garner

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SAC, Buffalo

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
District No. 2  
Buffalo Division  
Membership  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Memoranda dated 1/4/51 captioned "Communist Party, USA, District No. 2, Buffalo Division; IS - C" and 2/17/51 captioned "Communist Party, USA, Membership; IS - C".

The Buffalo Division has been unable to obtain definite information concerning exact membership figures for the Sub-District of the Communist Party in Western New York or for the territory of the Sub-District which lies in the Buffalo Division and in the Albany Division. However, based on the information contained in referenced letters, it would seem that the approximate membership figures for the territory covered by Buffalo and also for the Sub-District of Western New York would be about the same as that submitted to you in referenced letter dated January 4, 1951.

In the event more definite information is obtained on the membership of the Communist Party in the Buffalo territory, it will be furnished to you at once.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NY  
APRIL 7, 1951

Transmit the following Teletype message to: ALBANY (URGENT)

CPUSA, DISTRICT NO. TWO, NEW YORK DIVISION, MEMBERSHIP, ISC.  
PLEASE EXPEDITE MEMBERSHIP FIGURES FOR YOUR DIVISION FOR FIRST  
QUARTER NINETEEN FIFTYONE FOR INCLUSION IN NEW YORK QUARTERLY  
REPORT.

SCHEIDT

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New York, New York  
APR 4 1951

MEMO:

RE: CPUSA  
DIST. #2, NY DIV.  
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By attached report dated 1/7/51, [ ] advised that he attended a meeting of the Bryant CP Club on Friday, January 5, 1951,

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Only a few members attended. The topics discussed at the meeting included; the coming ALP Convention, Negro Question, rent and housing, legislative activities, membership, pamphlets and publications, civil rights, security measures, education and subscriptions for the Daily Worker.

Agents concerned have been advised.

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(CPUSA-Negro Question)

(CPUSA legislative Activities)

(CPUSA Organization)

(Civil Rights Congress)

(Political Affairs)

(CPUSA MEMBERSHIP) ✓

[ ] SA  
cc: 100-81338 (CPUSA-Security Measures)  
100-80633 (CPUSA EDUCATION)  
100-83194 [ ]

100-101862

100-81762

97-169 (FREEDOM OF THE PRESS)

100-84249 (NY tenants council)

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Date of report Jan. 7, 1951

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I called [ ] on Tuesday Jan. 2, by phone and she arranged for me to attend a meeting on Friday night. She inquired of me, how come I did not come around for a few weeks, I told her that I had serious illness in the family, and I did not feel that free of mind, when I realized the responsibility in carrying out my job as coordinator of my club and also the trouble I had at home.

[ ] said she realized the difficulties I had, and offered her sympathy and expressed the hope that I would be able to attend meetings from now on. I told her that I would see her on Friday night.

On Friday night I again called her and asked her where the meeting was going to be held, she asked me to meet her in front of her house by 8:30.

I arrived at her house at 8:30 I rang the bell and she called from the window that she would be right down. [ ] did not come until a quarter to nine, and she said that some people were at her house and they were discussing a very important problem.

I asked where the meeting was and she said at [ ] house. I knew the name but did not recognize the person she lived at [ ] and it turned out that she was [ ]

When we arrived there the only other people were [ ] and [ ]

[ ] to call [ ] and she did, he would be right over.

[ ] could not be here tonight, [ ] said so we would start the meeting without waiting for anyone else, [ ] is on the Section Staff. Her husband is a photographer and has his own business, I saw a large camera machine in the bedroom and asked [ ] later when we were going home. They have two children.

[ ] asked that a chairman be appointed for tonight meeting but the others asked her to act as chairman, because she knew the agenda and was well informed on what she was going to talk about.

The agenda was a general discussion on the groups, why they are not functioning as they should, what we must do about it, and to impress upon the coordinator and group captain that meetings must be held even though one or two persons are present, and they in turn must discuss ways and means to get the whole group to a meeting.

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The next point on the agenda was the ALP convention, to be held at the McKINSLEY Ballroom on Sat. Jan 13, 1951, PAUL ROBESON, [ ] and others would address the delegates, we must also appoint delegates to this important convention.

The next point was another delegation to Albany, on Wed. Jan. 10 on the Wilson Case, his case has been repeatedly postponed, and he has been held here for such a long period of time mainly because we have been so militant in our fight to keep him from being sent to his death down South.

Delegates also have to be choosen tonight and money collected to the amount of \$10.00.

Another delegation, also to Albany on Jan. 16, sponsored by the Tenants Council on legislation for rent control, money and delegates for this to be arrainged tonight also.

Another important item on agenda is registration, and it is a disgrace at this late date to even discuss it, we are lagging behind in this important task, dues are also a must for tonight, January is here and we must start collecting dues now.

The winter term of the Jeff school is open and we are all urged to enroll and get others in our groups to enroll also.

Literature is the last item on the agenda followed by the sub drive.

The general discussion on the groups took sometime, and the main aspect of this group system, why it is not operating as it should, because the leading people in each club, or group are not functioning as they should. The past few weeks have been holiday weeks, and we could be excused, but from now on we must go out and see that each and everyone of us, does his or her share, hold our meetings regularly every week, no matter how many people attend. We must discuss ways and means to hold meeting, where all may attend, because this group system is the only way by which the Party can relay the necessary information to its members.

Wherever problems arrive then they must be worked out with the section staff and if possible the groups can be rearranged so that they will function properly.

On the ALP convention [ ] pointed out that it must be well attended, and that the speakers are going to talk on matters of special importance to the delegates, a delegates must be appointed tonight and it was proposed that I be nominated, this was seconded immediately by [ ] and before I knew it I was the delegate. I asked what day the 13th fell on and they said Sturday I then said that I work on Saturday and could not say for sure if I would attend or not, but [ ] said they would like for me to go, so I said I would see if I could get the day off, before I consented therefore they should hold my name as a delegate, and in the meantime have someone else in mind just in case I could not attend.

This convention was to start at one p.m.

The delegation to Albany on the Wilson case was to consist of one person choosen tonight and the cost ten dollars. [ ] was appointed and the money was collected, and this was to be discussed at the next club meeting, and additional money collected then,

[ ] was nominated for the tenants delegation to Albany on Jan. 16, and [ ] would tell her about it.

The question of dues and registration was discussed and it was concluded that we must not waste any more time but get after the groups captains and register their people as soon as possible.

January dues must be collected at these meetings also, and the money turned in to the proper people and no one else is to take money. Each group captain is to collect the money, give a receipt, and then in turn it is turned over to the financial of the club who in turn also gives a receipt. In this way all money is accounted for and a correct record is kept.

On literature [ ] said that money for P.A. must be collected beforehand and then we can order the correct amount, and not give them out first and then wait for the money, so at our next meeting we must ask for orders to this monthly Party organ and then we in turn order them from the Section.

[ ] gave us some literature: a few pamphlets on the Jeff school a small leaflet on, what to do when arrested, issued by the Civil Rights Congress and a one page mimeograph sheet on a recent expulsion of a woman party member from the Prospect Section. There is no name on this sheet, but I found out it is [ ]. The reason for not having a name on this sheet is that it is going to be made public and distributed and it is against Party principals to place or publizise names of Party people.

In between discussions the women present became gossips conscious and they said that [ ] gave birth to a [ ]

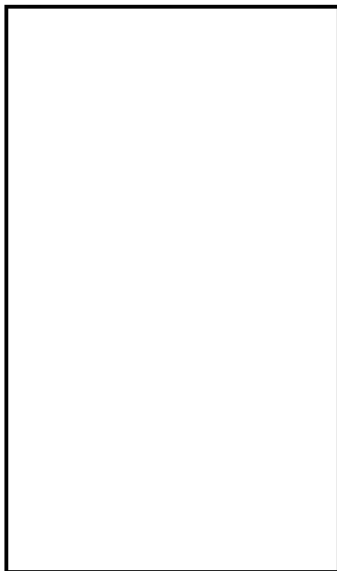
[ ] also gave birth to a [ ] making two for her,

[ ] is next and about due any day now.

The Jeff school registration was discussed at great length and everyone was asked to enroll in some class for at least once a week, [ ] came in during the early part of the meeting, he was going to enroll in a class, the same as the others. [ ] asked me if it was possible for me to attend a class, I did not feel free to commit myself at the present time, not even for one night a week, but [ ] asked me to think it over and maybe I can see may way clear for the present. All of us must try and attend some class in these important times, and when we hold our meetings we must get others to enroll for this winter term, there is a class for everyone, Negro Question, Political Economy and many others to help us in our day to day struggles.

The sub drive was also discussed and at this time no one turned in any renewals, there were about fifty renewals blanks out and not one has been returned, the blame was put on the two week holiday, and it was decided to start this week and really bring in renewals, because we need not explain the importance of our press here, we all know it, but if we do not go out and bring in our subs, the Party will be weakened considerably.

Following are a list of sub renewals given to me by [ ]  
[ ] a few weeks ago.



It was bought out that [ ] is on a ten day sick leave from Party work due to [ ]

[ ] is also ill an resting a few days.

Description of [ ]

Ht:	About 5'7"
Wt:	about 160 lbs
Complexion	Dark, wears glasses
Natinnality	[ ]
Color of hair:	Black thin receeding lines on sides
Color of eyes:	

[ ] owns a dodge 4 door sedan, year about 1938.

Section organizer of Tremont So. Section.

Description of [ ]

Ht:	About 5'11"
Wt:	about 195 lbs
Complexion	light
Nationality	[ ]
Color of hair	light
color of eyes	

Personality:

[ ]  
Section organizer of Tremont  
Section North  
very pleasent, friendly and  
always smiling, and very considerate.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: April 9, 1951

FROM: SAC, ALBANY

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA  
DISTRICT #2  
NEW YORK DIVISION MEMBERSHIP  
(your file 100-80638)

Reurtel April 7, 1951.

The following is furnished for your use in preparing the quarterly report for the period January 1, 1951 through March 31, 1951.

The estimated membership of the Communist Party in the Northeastern Subdistrict of New York State is 116, composed as follows:

Utica, New York area	18
Albany, New York area (Capital District)	108

The estimated membership in the portion of the Western Subdistrict covered by the Albany Division is 149, composed as follows:

Syracuse, New York area	70
Binghamton, New York area (Southern Tier or Triple Cities area)	79

The total estimated membership for the portion of the New York State covered by the Albany Division is 265.

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Membership in the Communist Party in the portion of New York State covered by the Albany Division was estimated as follows:

The membership of 18 for the Utica area resulted from information furnished by [redacted] of known reliability, as confirmed by investigation and particularly by surveillances conducted by agents of the Utica Resident Agency. [redacted] of known reliability, advised that on March 25, 1950, he was told by an individual who identified himself as [redacted] a Communist Party member from Rome, New York, that there were twenty-five to thirty Communist Party members in the Utica-Rome area. Taking the maximum figure of 30, it is noted that the membership of 18 is 60% of the March, 1950 figure.

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SAC, New York

April 9, 1951

Re: Communist Party - USA  
District #2  
New York Division Membership

On January 26, 1950, [ ] Chairman of the Northeastern Subdistrict of the Communist Party, advised Confidential Informant 2789, of known reliability, that his latest membership figure for the Northeastern Subdistrict was 211. Deducting from 211 the 30 members attributed to the Utica area, leaves a balance for the rest of the Northeastern Subdistrict of 181. Assuming that the current membership for the balance of the Northeastern Subdistrict bears the same proportion to the last known membership as was true in the Utica area, the figure of 60% of 181 or 108 is reached.

On May 22, 1950, [ ] of known reliability, furnished figures which he noticed on a sheet of paper in Communist Party Headquarters, 567 O'Neil Building, Binghamton, New York, which informant believed to be the current membership figures for the Southern Tier section of the New York State Communist Party. These figures indicated that there were registered members as follows:

Ithaca	43
Spencer	18
Binghamton	36

or a total of 97 for the section.

Confidential Informant 2859, of known reliability, advised in March, 1951, that he estimated the Communist Party membership in Binghamton (including Endicott and Johnson City) at 30. It is noted that Confidential Informant 2859's estimate is 83% of the figure furnished in May, 1950 by [ ]

Assuming that the current figures throughout the Southern Tier section are comparable to those in Binghamton, it was found that 83% of the 43 members reported for Ithaca in 1950 gives a current membership at Ithaca of 35, while 83% of the 18 members reported for Spencer in 1950 gives 14 as the present membership in Spencer. The total of 30 (Binghamton), 35 (Ithaca), 14 (Spencer) is 79.

[ ] reported that in March, 1950 [ ] Communist Party organizer at Syracuse, New York advised him that the Party then had 88 members. Buffalo Confidential Informant BC-140 advised that on February 12, 1951 at a meeting of the Erie County Communist Party Executive Committee, JOHN NOTO, whom informant described as Chairman of the Western Subdistrict of the New York State Communist Party, said that 80% of the members in Syracuse, New York had registered. 80% of 88 is 70.

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, MEMBERSHIP, IS, C. DAYLET. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED  
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 BILITY, ADVISED APRIL ELEVEN LAST THAT [REDACTED] CHAIRMAN OF  
 LONGSHORE CLUB OF CP, DISTRICT EIGHT, TOLD INFORMANT THAT CP IN DISTRICT  
 EIGHT PLANS LARGE SCALE RECRUITING PROGRAM TO BEGIN IN NEAR FUTURE.  
 ALL RECRUITS ARE TO BE INVESTIGATED BY CP BEFORE BEING ADMITTED TO  
 MEMBERSHIP, AND ALL RECRUITS WILL BE INVESTIGATED FOR SOME TIME  
 BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO MIX WITH OTHER GROUPS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, WHO IS NOT CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF CP,  
 ADVISES HE WAS RECENTLY TOLD BY [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE OF CRC OF  
 ILLINOIS, THAT HE, [REDACTED] WOULD BE INVESTIGATED  
 SOON BUT [REDACTED] DID NOT STATE BY WHOM OR WHY AN INVESTIGATION WOULD  
 BE CONDUCTED. [REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW IF [REDACTED] WAS  
 REFERRING TO AN INVESTIGATION BY THE CP IN REGARD TO RECRUITMENT. CGO  
 FIVE SEVEN FOUR EIGHT FURNISHED TRASH FROM APARTMENT OF [REDACTED]  
 LONGTIME CP MEMBER, WHICH TRASH ESTABLISHED THAT [REDACTED] WAS AT HOTEL  
 TIMES SQUARE, NYC, MARCH EIGHTEEN, FIFTYONE. NOTES ON THIS HOTEL  
 STATIONERY PERTAIN TO BUNDLE ORDERS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS  
 ITEMS INDICATING NOTES MAY PERTAIN TO CP MEETING. INCLUDED IN NOTES  
 IS A STATEMENT APPEARING TO BE QUOTE RECRUITERS NOT TO FEAR RECRUITING  
 STÖOL PIGEONS UNQUOTE.

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New York, New York  
April 13th, 1951

MEMO

RE: N.Y. TENANTS COUNCIL ON RENT & HOUSING  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By attached report dated February 20th, 1951, [ ] advised that the Queensbridge Tenants League had a membership meeting on February 14, 1951. About forty persons attended, a large majority being colored. According to informant's report the main point of discussion at this meeting was "prices" in general.

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Agents concerned have been advised.

[ ] SL

cc: 62-9662 (RM)  
100-97618 [ ]  
100-97623 [ ]  
100-E2870 [ ]  
100-97676 [ ]  
100-61675 (CP, USA - PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)  
100-E3638 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)

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The Queensbridge Tenants League had a membership meeting on 2/14/51. I heard from [redacted] that it was quite a meeting that forty one people were present that a least half of the people were new. A large majority colored. Those spoke of, as being present were: [redacted]

[redacted] "At this point I wish to say I believe the reason for such an attendance at this meeting is all the work that went into distributing the Q.T.L. paper "The Queensbridge News"."

I understand that a woman by the name of [redacted] seems to be quite a speaker and had come to the Tenants League with some committee she had formed on "prices" in the neighborhood and wanted the Tenants League to sponsor a leaflet on prices. This of course started a discussion and it was hard to keep order. Also [redacted] was present.

The executive board is to take up this question raised on prices by [redacted] at their next meeting that is all I gathered out of the conversation.

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 ✓ MR. GILLESPIE  
 ✓ MR. CRANVILLE  
 ✓ MR. HE'LY  
 ✓ MR. LEVVIS  
 ✓ MR. M. DOSSAULT  
 ✓ MR. McFEE  
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 ✓ TRAINING UNIT

New York, N. Y.  
4/11/51

MEMO

At 10:20 A. M., Asst Dir. D. M. Ladd called and requested a breakdown, as quickly as possible of the number of Communist Party members in the five Boroughs of New York City proper, according to Borough. He said Bureau records indicated the number of Communists in New York State to be about 22,500.

I called Mr. Ladd back and advised him that our records reflect there are about 18,000 CP members in New York State; that there are about 15,150 Communists in New York City proper, broken down by Boroughs, as follows:-

6,800 Manhattan  
 4,600 Brooklyn  
 2,600 Bronx  
 1,100 Queens  
 50 Staten Island

Our records would indicate there are about 38,000 in the United States as against 42,000, the number indicated by the Director in a recent press release.

WILLIAM M. WHELAN, ASAC

WMW:MFB

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New York, New York  
April 14th, 1951

MEMO

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
DISTRICT # 2, NEW YORK DIVISION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By attached report dated February 9th, 1951, [redacted] advised that [redacted] Section Organizer of Queensbridge contacted [redacted] and succeeded in reregistering [redacted] in the Queensbridge CP. [redacted] was reluctant at first for fear her membership would become generally known, but [redacted] assured her every precaution is taken to conceal the members' names. ~~X~~

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Agents concerned have been advised.

[redacted] CA

cc: 66-5195 (FBI)  
100-82370 [redacted]  
100-101093 [redacted]  
100-80638 (CP, USA - LEADERSHIP)  
100-81338 (CP, USA - SECURITY MEASURES)  
100-5522 (A.L.P.)  
100-56123 [redacted]

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Feb. 6, 1951

[redacted] Received telephone call 11 A.M. Feb. 6, from [redacted] Section Originator, for Queensbridge and L.I.C. to find out if she could visit [redacted] that day at 2 P.M. which [redacted] said was fine. [redacted] was to try to reregister [redacted] in the Party. [redacted] was assured that she would not be found out to be a Party Member, and that her husband would not lose his job by her actions. [redacted] was told the whole Party membership of Queens, to which she opposed, has been charged as has Queensbridge. [redacted] though [redacted] would be a great help to the Party in rebuilding of Queensbridge Branch of the A.L. P. for there is where she is really needed.

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[redacted] accepted and was reregistered by [redacted] and is now a member of good standing. [redacted] dues is to paid up Feb. 12, 1951 to the sum of \$2.55. [redacted] also gave [redacted] 4 tickets to Peace Rally for Feb. 12, 1951 at Court Square Restaurant, 24-20 Jackson Ave., L.I.C.

[redacted] is to speak. Member I.L.C.M.U.

Audiences; Long Island City Peace Committee

Admission 25¢

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April 14th, 1951

MEMO

RE: [REDACTED]

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By attached report dated February 9th, 1951, [REDACTED] advised of visiting [REDACTED] Queens, New York, on February 5, 1951.

Their conversation concerned various members of the C.P. in Queens.

Agca's concerned have been advised.

[REDACTED] SA

cc: 100-12570 [REDACTED]  
100-93665 [REDACTED]  
100-10109 [REDACTED]  
97-162 (FREEDOM OF THE PRESS)  
100-26603-C150 (CAMBRIDGE CP CLUB)  
100-80638 (CP, USA - LEADERSHIP)

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[redacted] C.P.M., not active.

Recently released from New York Hospital, she had a cancer operation. [redacted] was visited by [redacted] C.P.M. Negro [redacted] Active in Tenant Relations of Queensbridge, and [redacted] Negro Man C.P.M. [redacted] has not reregistered in Party for 1951. The talk was of a [redacted] Negro, living in Queensbridge, non C.P.M. He was or is a member of N.Y.U. [redacted] can not be active because claims of being arrested for theft in Paris, France and is under probation here. [redacted] was known to be section-originator of Bronx, C.P. for awhile. He was expelled by the Party - and seen to be trying to work his way back into the party. He is a very intelligent Party Worker.

[redacted] does not know that the Party in Queens and Queensbridge knew he was expelled from the Party. He has not mentioned it. The Party in Queensbridge has just learned of it. He is suspected of being an agent of the P.C.I., and will be slowly dropped until further investigation. [redacted] was asked to renew her sub. to the worker, and after some talk of the good points of the worker, received a renewal of the worker for a year for \$2.50. And then [redacted] was asked to reregister in the Party. [redacted] would not talk of it and asked that maybe some one would come and talk to her again about it. It was then said that [redacted] would see her. The visit last from 9 P.M. until 11:30 P.M.

New York, New York  
April 14th, 1951

MEMO

RE: [REDACTED]

My attached report dated 3/5/51, [REDACTED] advised that there was going to be a section meeting on 3/6/51, at the home of [REDACTED] and all group captains were asked to attend.

Informant's report also set out information concerning the Negro Question and CP membership.

Agents concerned have been advised.

[REDACTED] SA

cc: 100-93665 [REDACTED]  
100-92279 [REDACTED]  
100-97823 [REDACTED]  
100-10104 [REDACTED]  
100-97618 [REDACTED]  
100-80610 (CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION)  
100-80638 (CP, USA - Membership)  
100-86361 [REDACTED]  
100-64219 (NY TENANTS COUNCIL)

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62-9662

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Long Island City  
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[redacted] was by to inform me of the section meeting to be held this Wednesday 3/6/51 at [redacted]. All group captains are ask to attend. So I am looking forward to seeing [redacted] there. Also on Friday, 3/9/51 at 8:30 there is to be a L.I.C. meeting to free [redacted] at Court Square Rest. 24-28 Jackson Avenue, L.I.C.

I was also ask to see and register three people that are not registered up to now.

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted]
3. An another new member [redacted] his transfer just came though from Flushing. He is the [redacted] also a party member active in the Tenants League.

I was also ask of the possibility of a caravan here on Sat. at eleven o'clock. It will be necessary to see group captains to find out if Sat., 3/10/51 will be satisfactory.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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New York 7, New York

April 14, 1951  
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MEMO:

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY-C

On 3/30/51, Confidential Source NYC 426 made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N. Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party; Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

It will be noted that each exhibit bears the date received and the initials of S.A.                      and S.E. A.E. FALLER who can testify as to the receipt of the exhibit.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency.

For original evidence see exhibit # 1391 in File# 100-80638.

Description of exhibit:

4 pages of figures believed showing membership by districts of the various districts of the C.P. These figures submitted to Bureau by report dated 4-19-51.

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EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/19/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/20-4/16, 18,19/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>RUSSELL S. GARNER</b>
TITLE <b>COMMUNIST PARTY, USA District No. 2 New York Division</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b> b6 b7C
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;"><b>QUARTERLY PERIOD - JANUARY 1 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1951</b></p> <p>Present organization and structure of District #2 set forth. WILLIAM NORMAN now New York State Executive Secretary following several months' absence on confidential work. Membership of District #2 reported to be 17,926. 1951 fund drive by District #2 has goal of \$600,000. Stringent security measures adopted by CP following passage of Internal Security Act of 1950 now relaxed to some degree. CP denies Party is underground but maintains it is legal political party. [redacted] and [redacted] expelled by District #2 for factionalism and white chauvinism. Building of American Labor Party regarded by District #2 as pre-condition for development of new people's coalition. Governor DEWEY's request for emergency powers attacked by District #2 as Fascist, warmongering maneuver. Proposed increases in rent and New York City sales tax condemned by District #2. District #2 re-deploying its forces into steel, railroad, maritime, electrical and garment industries in attempt to reach bulk of shop workers. Cases of WILLIE MC GEE, Martinsville Seven, and [redacted] police [redacted] have high-lighted Party</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>100-80638-1330</b>		
COPIES OF THIS REPORT, 6-Bureau (100-3-4) 1-Col. W. Mayer, G.S.C., -G-2, 1st Army 1-Capt. R. H. Groff, DIO, 3 ND			

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activity among Negroes in District #2. Main emphasis in veterans, youth and women's activities continues to be laid on peace campaign and termination of Korean War. No full time Farm Organizer in District #2 and Party publication of "Farm Front" was discontinued for lack of funds. "Candy Store", [redacted] play, held by "Daily Worker" as proletarian success and appreciable cultural achievement. WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's newest book, "Outline Political History of the Americas", and proceedings of 15th National Convention, CPUSA, given widespread publicity.

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1-Col. F. Dunnington, 2nd  
OSI District, USAF  
1-Albany (Info.)  
1-Buffalo (Info.)  
1-Newark (Info.)  
5-New York

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CP, USA  
District #2  
New York Division  
NY File 100-26603  
Period: January 1 to March 31, 1951

#### MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau file 100-3-68)  
(New York file 100-80638)

#### 1950 Membership of District No. 2 Reported to be 17,926

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, made available on March 30, 1951, a document containing figures which were apparently membership statistics for all Communist Party districts.

The membership of District #2, which comprises New York State, was listed as 17,926 in this document.  
✓ This figure revises the earlier estimate of 22,575.

Estimated membership in the New York Division is 17,297.

#### Membership Records

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 District #2  
 New York Division  
 NY File 100-26603  
 Period: January 1 to March 31, 1951

MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau file 100-3-68)  
 (New York file 100-80638)

According to the latest available estimate of the Buffalo Office, there were approximately 364 Communist Party members located within the Buffalo Division during the last quarter of 1950, according to a computation based on information furnished during 1950 by Confidential Informants T-36, T-37 and T-38, of known reliability.

The Albany Office estimated that there were approximately 265 Communist Party members in the Albany Division during the first quarter of 1951, computed from information furnished by Confidential Informants T-39, T-40, T-41, T-42, T-43 and T-44, all of known reliability.

The total of 629 Communist Party members located within the Buffalo and Albany Divisions, subtracted from the 17,926 total Communist Party membership in District #2, gives 17,297 as the membership figure for the New York Division.

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XX.	EDUCATION	SA [REDACTED]

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At New York, N. Y.

Will follow and report pertinent activities of District #2, Communist Party, USA, for the quarterly period beginning April 1, 1951, and ending June 30, 1951.

Copies of this report have been designated for the Albany, Buffalo, and Newark Offices for informational purposes, in view of their contiguity and related interests in the activities of District #2.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, New York, April 19 1951, are identified as follows:

T-1 -- ND-515.

T-2 --

[redacted]  
Albany, New York, a photostatic copy  
of which was made available by [redacted]

[redacted]  
Executive Director, to SA [redacted]  
[redacted]

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T-3 -- [redacted] who furnished information to  
SA FRANK J. SMITH. b7D

T-4 -- Confidential Source NYC-301.

T-5 -- [redacted] who furnished information to  
SA [redacted]

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T-6 --

T-7 -- Confidential Source NYC-426. b7D

T-8 -- ND-609, who furnished information to  
SA RUSSELL S. GARNER.

T-9 --

[redacted]  
furnished information to SA CHARLES F.  
AHERN.

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T-10 -- [redacted] who furnished information to  
SA FRANK R. LONGO.

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T-11 -- ND-516.

T-12 -- [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] b6  
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T-13 -- [redacted] who furnished information to SA (A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF.

T-14 -- ND-520. b7D

T-15 -- Philadelphia Confidential Informant PH-156.

T-16 -- Trash cover on residence of [redacted], [redacted] Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, maintained through cooperation of [redacted] b6  
b7C  
[redacted]

T-17 -- Confidential mail box maintained by the New York Office, the contents of which were made available to SA JOHN T. MURPHY.

T-18 -- [redacted] who furnished information to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY. b7D

T-19 -- [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] b6  
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T-20 -- Chicago Confidential Informant CGO-5425.

T-21 -- [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] b6  
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T-22 -- Confidential Source NYC-419.

T-23 -- [redacted]  
[redacted] furnished information to SA [redacted]  
[redacted]

T-24 -- [redacted] who furnished information to SA WILLIAM J. McCARTHY. b7D

T-25 -- [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] b6  
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T-26 -- ND-610, who furnished information to SA RUSSELL S. GARNER. b7D

T-27 -- [redacted] who furnished information to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.

T-28 -- [redacted], who furnished information to SA (A) [redacted]  
[redacted]

T-29 -- [redacted]  
Bronx, New York, who furnished information to SA (A) [redacted]  
[redacted] requested that his identity be kept confidential. b6  
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T-30 -- [redacted]  
Brooklyn, New York, who furnished information to SA (A) [redacted]  
[redacted] requested that his identity be kept confidential.



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T-31 -- [redacted]  
Sunnyside, Long Island, New York, who  
furnished information to SA (A) [redacted]  
[redacted] requested that  
his identity be kept confidential.

T-32 -- [redacted] who furnished information to  
SA [redacted]

T-33 -- [redacted]  
[redacted] who furnished information to  
SA [redacted]

T-34 -- [redacted] who furnished information to  
SA [redacted]

T-35 -- Albany Confidential Informant 2848.

T-36 -- Buffalo Confidential Informant BC-50,  
who furnished information to SE [redacted]  
[redacted]

T-37 -- [redacted]  
who furnished information to SA EDWIN  
F. DOOLEY and SA [redacted]

T-38 -- Buffalo Confidential Informant BC-151,  
who furnished information to SE LEONARD  
T. MC GUIRE.

T-39 -- Buffalo Confidential Informant BC-140.

T-40 -- [redacted]

T-41 -- [redacted]

T-42 -- [redacted]

T-43 -- Albany Confidential Informant 2789.

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T-44 -- Albany Confidential Informant 2859. b7D

T-45 -- [REDACTED]

T-46 -- [REDACTED] who furnished information to b6  
SA [REDACTED] b7C  
b7D

T-47 -- OSI, U. S. Air Force, Dayton, Ohio.

T-48 -- [REDACTED] who furnished information to b6  
SA [REDACTED] b7C  
b7D

T-49 -- [REDACTED] b7D

T-50 -- [REDACTED]  
who furnished information to SA CHARLES  
F. AHERN.

REFERENCE: Report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, New York, 1/30/51

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TITLE <b>COMMUNIST PARTY, USA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>Re: Membership</i> <b>QUARTERLY PERIOD - JANUARY 1 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1951</b>  Current organization and structure of CPUSA detailed herein. NED SPARKS and ALBERT BLUMBERG, CP officials in hiding since autumn of 1948, have resumed Party work. EUGENE DENNIS released from jail on 3/12/51 after having served 10 months of year's sentence for contempt of Congress. WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's 70th birthday was occasion for widespread Party celebration. National CP membership reported to be 37,761. CPUSA endeavoring to re-recruit some dropped out members. 1951 fund drive has goal of \$175,000 for National Committee, CPUSA, and \$200,000 for "Daily Worker" and "The Worker". CPUSA has relaxed to some degree stringent security measures adopted following passage of Internal Security Act of 1950. CPUSA denies Party is underground but contends it is legal political party. No organized factional activity within CPUSA noted at present. CPUSA continues to oppose rearmament of Germany and Western Europe and demands withdrawal of US and UN troops from Korea, settlement of Korean.			
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conflict through negotiation with Peoples China and writing of German peace treaty by USA and USSR. General MAC ARTHUR accused of committing genocide against Chinese and Korean peoples. CPUSA recognizes that there has been no mass breakaway from two major political parties, that Progressive Party has not developed into mass third party, and that only alternative is development and establishment of independent peace ticket in 1952. Former Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO retained as counsel by CPUSA in connection with its prosecution under Internal Security Act of 1950. Internal Security Act of 1950, Smith Act, Taft-Hartley Law, Congressional investigating committees, and emergency mobilization measures continue to be targets for condemnation by CPUSA. CPUSA emphasizing united front action on city, state and national level in order to make labor movement generally the cornerstone of peace campaign. Cases of WILLIE MC GEE and Martinsville Seven focal points of Party activity among Negroes. Chief emphasis in veterans, youth and women's activities continues to be laid on peace campaign and termination of Korean war. CPUSA advocates alliances of working class and farm masses for establishment of rural proletariat. LARRY PARKS, JOHN GARFIELD and JOSE FERRER denounced as betrayers of peace forces for endeavoring to clear themselves with House Committee on Un-American Activities. Members of National Jewish Commission, CPUSA, active in organizing opposition to German rearmament. WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's most recent book,

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"Outline Political History of the Americas" published on his 70th birthday. Proceedings of 15th National Convention, CPUSA, given extensive publicity. CPUSA admits that its ideological and theoretical work remains one of weakest aspects of Party activity.

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MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau File 100-3-68)  
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1950 National Membership Reported to Be 37,761

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<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>STATES</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>
1	Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont	802
2	New York	17926
3	Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware	1400
4	Maryland, District of Columbia	350
5	Western Pennsylvania	424
6	Ohio, Kentucky	1720
7	Michigan	880
8	Illinois	2440
9	Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota	594
10	Indiana	433
11	Oregon	154
12	Washington, Idaho	1072
13	California, Arizona, Nevada	5208
14	New Jersey	1253



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<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>STATES</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>
15	Connecticut	647
18	Wisconsin	522
19	Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming	197
21	Missouri	257
22	West Virginia	66
23	Texas	209
24	Louisiana	114
25	Florida	151
26	Virginia	66
27	Alabama; Mississippi; Tennessee	264
28	Oklahoma, Arkansas	147
29	North Carolina, South Carolina	146
30	Montana	129
31	Georgia	51
32	Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas	85
35	Utah	54
		<u>37761</u>

FOSTER 70th Anniversary Recruiting Campaign

Confidential Informant T-7 furnished a memorandum dated February 20, 1951 issued by the Communist Party, USA, to all districts concerning the Foster 70th Anniversary Recruiting Campaign.

The memorandum said that at the last meeting of the National Committee, it was agreed to launch a recruiting drive in conjunction with the celebration of Comrade FOSTER'S 70th birthday, to begin February 25, 1951 and end May 1, 1951, with the objective of obtaining a minimum of 1,000 recruits; 20% of these basic industrial workers.

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The memorandum stated that the basis for this drive was planning and organizing rather than publicity and that the district, county, and section leadership should take steps to guarantee that each club discuss this campaign and adopt an appropriate plan.

The memorandum pointed out that the district, county and section committees were to assign their members to work with concentration, shop, industrial and community clubs for the duration of the campaign.

The memorandum explained that goal for the clubs should be determined on the basis of the approach decided upon. It was indicated that in some clubs, the whole club might be required to assist one comrade in his efforts to recruit a key worker; while in another club, a number of individual comrades might undertake to recruit on their own.

It was stated in the memorandum that in the course of this campaign an attempt should be made to recruit some of the dropped-out members.

With respect to concentration industries, the memorandum stated that the Party Commission in such industries must assume responsibility for direct contact with the major clubs in their industries and assist in the adoption and the successful execution of their recruiting plans. Further, that each Commission must adopt a goal for recruiting in their industries.

Relative to mass work, the memorandum said that this drive was to take place during the heightened activities for peace and during the height of the struggle around the economic demands of the workers, defense of the Party, for Negro rights, Civil rights, and a score of other issues growing out of the effect of the war drive. The memorandum concluded by saying

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that the greatest success in this recruiting drive would depend on the greatest participation and effectiveness of the Party membership in these movements and struggles.

#### April Control

Confidential Informant T-7 furnished a letter dated March 5, 1951 from the National Communist Party Organization Department to all districts regarding April Control. The letter stated in part:

"As has been the usual procedure in the past, we are planning a quarterly control of our membership. It is to take place during the month of April. The method by which this control is to be carried through is the purchase by the individual members of a March Dues Stamp, which is designated as a special control stamp. This means that a real drive is to be developed to bring the membership dues standing up to date by paying up their back dues before they can purchase the March Stamp.

"This quarterly campaign, coming as it does in this period, when we are attempting to conclude our registration reaching 80% of the membership, is of greatest importance. As yet, a number of districts have not followed through in the spirit of the National Committee decision to reach that objective. We propose to finally conclude the registration with the April Control....."

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T-1 -- ND-516.

T-2 -- [redacted]  
[redacted] Albany, New York, made available by [redacted]  
[redacted] b6  
A photostatic copy thereof was furnished to SA [redacted] b7C  
[redacted] b7D

T-3 -- [redacted] b7D

T-4 -- [redacted] who furnished information to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.

T-5 -- [redacted] Referral/Consult  
[redacted] b6

T-6 -- [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] b6  
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T-7 -- Confidential Source NYC-426.

T-8 -- Confidential Source NYC-301.

T-9 -- [redacted] who furnished information to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY. b7D

T-10 -- [redacted] who furnished information to SA (A) [redacted] b6  
[redacted] b7C  
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- T-11 -- [ ] who furnished information to  
SA FRANK R. LONGO.
- T-12 -- [ ] who furnished information to  
SA FRANK J. SMITH.
- T-13 -- San Francisco Confidential Informant  
SF-613.
- T-14 -- San Francisco Confidential Informant  
SF-1425.
- T-15 -- Unnamed Special Agents of the San  
Francisco Office who conducted a  
physical surveillance of a State Com-  
mittee meeting of the California Com-  
munist Party in San Francisco on  
March 18, 1951, and who overheard  
remarks of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN,  
California State Communist Party  
Chairman.
- T-16 -- [ ]
- T-17 -- ND-610, who furnished information to  
SA RUSSELL S. GARNER.
- T-18 -- [ ] who fur-  
nished information to SA EDWARD W.  
BUCKLEY.
- T-19 -- [ ]  
[ ] New York City, who furnished  
information to SA JOSEPH V. WATERS.  
[ ] requested that his identity  
be kept confidential.
- T-20 -- [ ] who furnished information to  
SA [ ]

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T-21 -- An anonymous individual, who furnished material by mail to the New York Office.

T-22 -- Confidential mail box maintained by the New York Office, the contents of which were made available to SA JOHN T. MURPHY.

T-23 -- ND-609, who furnished information to SA RUSSELL S. GARNER.

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T-24 -- [redacted]  
[redacted] who furnished information to SA H. RAWLINS OVERTON.

T-25 -- [redacted]  
who furnished information to SA [redacted]

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T-26 -- [redacted]  
who furnished information to SA [redacted]

T-27 -- [redacted]

T-28 -- ND-515.

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T-29 -- Confidential Source NYC-425.

T-30 -- [redacted]  
York City, who furnished information to SA JAMES J. MCCARTHY. [redacted]

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T-31 -- [redacted]

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T-32 -- [redacted] b7D  
[redacted] who furnished information to  
SA CARL R. O'CONNOR.

T-33 -- [redacted] who furnished information to b6  
SA [redacted] b7C  
b7D

T-34 -- [redacted] who furnished information b7D  
to former SA BENNETT WILLIS.

T-35 -- Pretext telephone call by SA ALESIO  
SAVIOLA to [redacted]  
[redacted]  
New York City. b6  
b7C

T-36 -- [redacted] who furnished information to  
SA VICTOR A. LEMAITRE.

T-37 -- Photostatic copy of a letter dated  
January 12, 1951, from the Commander  
of the San Francisco Post of Veterans  
of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, ad- b7D  
dressed to the President of the United  
States and furnished by the Bureau to  
the New York Office.

T-38 -- [redacted]

T-39 -- [redacted] b6  
[redacted] who furnished information to b7C  
SA [redacted] b7D

T-40 -- [redacted]

T-41 -- [redacted] b7D

T-42 -- Pittsburgh Confidential Informant PI-46.

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T-43 -- ND-611, who furnished information to  
SA RUSSELL S. GARNER.

T-44 -- Detroit Confidential Informant DE-140.

T-45 -- [redacted] who furnished information to [redacted] b6  
SA [redacted] b7C  
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T-46 -- OSI, Air Force, Dayton, Ohio.

T-47 -- [redacted] who furnished information to [redacted] b6  
SA [redacted] b7C  
b7D

T-48 -- [redacted]  
who furnished information to SA CHARLES  
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1/30/51

New York, New York  
April 30th, 1951

MEMO

RE: FREEDOM OF THE PRESS  
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By attached report dated 2/9/51, [redacted] advised that he attended a Queens County CP Functionaries meeting held at Manhattan Plaza, NYC.

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The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the new Queens CP leaders and to discuss the Daily Worker subscription drive.

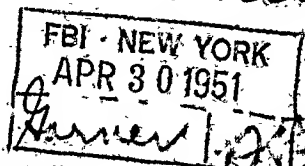
Separate reports are being submitted on those individuals mentioned as having attended this meeting.

EDWARD T. DUCKLEY, SA

cc: 62-8100 (P & C)  
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100-65505 [redacted]  
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(SUBJECT - COMMISSION)

This evening I attended a Queens County C.P. functionaries meeting which was held in the Manhattan Plaza, which is located on East 4th Street between 2nd and Third Avenues. The meeting was held for the purpose of introducing the new C.P. Queens County leaders and also to discuss the Worker sub. drive.

[redacted] Queens County C.P. educational director was the chairman.

[redacted] negro, Queens County, C.P. secretary, was introduced as the first speaker.

[redacted] devoted his entire speak to the Worker sub drive. Most of his time was taken up by reading off the no. of Worker subs. each C.P. section in Queens had turned in up to date. [redacted] marked the results with a black crayon on a large chart on which had been written names of all C.P. sections in Queens. They were as follows, along with name of CP organizer known to me but did not appear on the chart;

C.P. Section

C.P. Organizer

1. Astoria	Not known to me
2. L. I. City	[redacted]
3. Jamaica	Not known to me
4. Sunnyside	?
5. Rego Park	[redacted]
6. Kissuph-Hidgewood	[redacted]
7. Flushing	?
8. Union Turnpike	?
9. Rockaway	?
10. Industrial	?
11. Railroad	[redacted]
12. Youth	?
13. Professional	?

Total no. of Voter cards for all C.P. Sections in Queens and including Nassau County was 756.

JAMES TERRY, the new Queens County CP Organizer also referred to of Queens County C.P. chairman was the next speaker, he devoted a few minutes to the Worker Bus drive and considerable time to how he spoke up as a C.P. member at the hearing which was held in regard to the Thanksgiving day week on the L. I. Railroad in Queens, [redacted] the chairman spoke for about 10 minutes on the press drive.

[redacted] was the last speaker, also on the press drive.

I recognized the following C.P. members by name who were present:

[redacted] charge of the literature table

The meeting was adjourned at 11-10 P.M. About 250 C.P. members were present.

SAC, New York

April 26, 1951

Director, FBI

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Russell S. Garner dated April 19, 1951, captioned "Communist Party, USA, Internal Security - C."

*See Ser 331*  
There is attached hereto a rewrite of page 51 of this report. The New York Office should immediately prepare a new stencil and furnish the Bureau seven corrected pages for inclusion in the Bureau's copies of this report. Likewise, the New York Office should furnish the service agencies and the field offices with corrected pages. */fms*

Enclosure

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MIMEOGRAPHED COPY OF LETTER FROM CP OF CALIF. LEADERS TO ALL COUNTIES ENTITLED  
QUOTE RECRUITING CAMPAIGN AND DUES CONTROL UNQUOTE. LETTER STATES THAT STATE AND  
COUNTY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING AND PLANNING FOR SOME TIME REQUEST BY  
NATIONAL COMMITTEE, CP, USA, FOR INTENSIFIED RECRUITING PROGRAM OF INDUSTRIAL  
WORKERS IN HONOR OF WILLIAM Z. FOSTER'S BIRTHDAY, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED DURING  
MONTHS OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH. IN LINE WITH THIS NATIONAL PROSPECTIVE THE STATE  
COMMITTEE, CP OF CALIF., HAS SET A DELATED RECRUITING GOAL OF NOT LESS THAN ONE  
HUNDRED FIFTY INDUSTRIAL WORKERS IN CALIFORNIA BETWEEN FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE AND  
MAY FIRST. ALONG WITH RECRUITING ACTIVITIES LETTER STATES QUOTE STEPS MUST BE  
TAKEN TO CARRY THROUGH THE QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP CONTROL PROJECTED BY THE NATIONAL  
OFFICE. THIS QUARTERLY CONTROL, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED IN APRIL, REQUIRES THAT  
EVERY SINGLE MEMBER BE BROUGHT UP TO DATE IN DUES PAYMENTS THROUGH THE MONTH OF  
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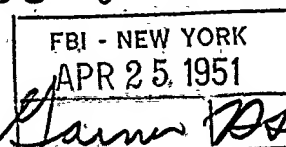
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# F.B.I. SET TO SEIZE 14,000 REDS IN WAR

Hoover Gives Data to House  
Group—Cash Asked for 4  
Camps for Subversives

WASHINGTON, April 27 (UP)—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, considers the Communist party in this country more dangerous than the Nazi Fifth Column during World War II and is ready to arrest 14,000 "dangerous" Reds in event of war with Russia.

These and other facts were developed in testimony made public today by a House Appropriations Subcommittee, in which Mr. Hoover said also that there were 43,217 Communist party members in the United States—more than half of them in New York State and most of those in New York City.

James M. McInerney, Assistant Attorney General, told the subcommittee that the Government was ready to arrest 14,000 of the more dangerous Reds on a moment's notice if war came. The arrests would be made by Mr. Hoover's agents.

The head of the F. B. I. said there were ten Communist sympathizers for each party member, thus making a group of more than 430,000 people who are either out-and-out Communists or who are sympathetic toward the Communist cause.

## Alternate Committee Known

If the party's national leaders are seized in an emergency, Mr. Hoover declared, an underground group known as the "alternate committee" has been formed to take over party work. He implied that its members may be known to the F. B. I. by saying that "its membership is supposed to be quite secret."

Mr. Hoover said, too, that the Communist party was demanding that American soldiers be returned from Korea, and was trading heavily on casualty announcements to advance the cause of Red forces in Korea.

"When some casualty is reported back home," he said, "the family will receive literature dealing with the matter \* \* \* that has a great psychological effect upon the parent who has lost a son. They feed upon that vicious, cruel opening, so as to advance the Communist strength wherever they possibly can. I think we can expect a continuation of these tactics so long as the present picture exists."

Mr. McInerney gave few details about the 14,000 Communists slated for arrest in event of war with Russia, except to say they had been "thoroughly investigated" and deemed to be "dangerous."

In addition, he said, some "fringe members" became frightened and left the party when its aims be-

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# F.B.I. Puts Red 5th Column At 430,000

Hoover Says Nazis Were  
Lesser Peril and Asks  
for Prison Camp Fund

By James M. Minifie

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The Communist party in America has set up its own loyalty and security program and now presents a fifth-column threat far greater than the Nazis ever achieved, J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, warned Congress in testimony made public today.

Mr. Hoover told a House Appropriations subcommittee that, partly as a result of its own security purges, the Communist party has dropped in the last year from 54,174 to 43,217. But, he added, with ten times as many fellow-travelers willing to carry out its wishes, it represents the hard core of a group of some 430,000 conspiratorial subversives.

## 14,000 Are "Threats"

The subcommittee also heard testimony from Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney to the effect that the Justice Department has a list of 14,000 subversives ready to pick up "as being a threat to internal security in the event of a national emergency."

At the same hearings, James V. Bennett, Federal prison director, recommended appropriation of \$775,000 to prepare four abandoned military camps to receive 12,000 to 15,000 subversives in event of emergency.

"We see this big wave coming on us in the event of war," Mr. Bennett said. "We are unprepared to take care of it. There are no facilities anywhere in the country."

Mr. Hoover also revealed that the Communists have been trying to create a Bring-The-Boys-Back-From-Korea movement.

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#### Anti-Korean Propaganda

"They have been sending out literature through various front organizations to bring our boys back from Korea," he said. "When some casualty is reported back home, the family will receive literature dealing with the matter and telling what a terrible thing it is to have these boys dying over there. That has a great psychological effect on a parent who has lost a son. They feed upon that vicious, cruel opening, so as to advance the Communist strength wherever they possibly can."

Mr. Hoover went on to say that  
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## 5th Column

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is "overwhelming proof of the conspiratorial character of the Communist party." He added that soon after the New York trials, which revealed that the F. B. I. had penetrated the party organization, they started to take stock and clean house.

"They set up loyalty boards in their own organization to screen out F. B. I. agents or informants," Mr. Hoover said, "with the result that over the last year they have been trying to get down to a hard core of earnest Communists whom they can count upon and who will do their bidding."

Mr. Hoover revealed that the party was divided into thirty district organizations centrally con-

trolled from New York City. It is subdivided into small groups of three or four persons, going down "to the very roots of American society."

"They frequently meet in automobiles or out in the country, on some farm, or in some public place so that they will not be identified," he said. "Frequently they do not know the identities of each other."

F. B. I. checks on 3,225,000 actual or prospective government employees turned up only 14,484 instances of "derogatory information," Mr. Hoover said. The Federal Loyalty Board removed or denied employment to 299 persons, 2,941 resigned and 8,060 employees were retained after investigation. Since April 1, 1950, 406 government employees had been identified as "security deviates."

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 1, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
DISTRICT NO. 2  
NEW YORK DIVISION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bureau file 100-3-4)

Re quarterly report of Special Agent  
RUSSELL S. GARNER, dated April 19, 1951, at New York,  
captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith are corrected copies of  
page 27 of this report.

The Bureau should make the necessary sub-  
stitution in its copies of this report as well as those  
of the service agencies.

The Albany, Buffalo and Newark Offices  
should similarly make the necessary substitution in  
their copies.

The New York Office has already changed its  
copies and those of the three local service agencies.

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cc - 100-80638 (CP-Membership) ✓

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CP, USA  
District #2  
New York Division  
NY File 100-26603  
Period: January 1 to March 31, 1951

MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau file 100-3-68)  
(New York file 100-80638)

1950 Membership of District No. 2 Reported to be 17,926

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, made available on March 30, 1951, a document containing figures which were apparently membership statistics for all Communist Party districts.

The membership of District #2, which comprises New York State, was listed as 17,926 in this document. This figure revises the earlier estimate of 22,575.

Estimated membership in the New York Division is 17,297.

Membership Records

Confidential Informant T-32, of known reliability, advised that since the Communist Party had intensified its security program, all rank and file members had been told that no lists of Communist Party members existed. However, according to this informant, there are lists of Party members, in New York City at least, because the group leaders must collect dues from their groups and keep a record of the dues received. The group leaders must turn in the dues money to what is now known as a group coordinator and in this accounting must indicate the amount of dues collected, together with the identity of the members from whom payment was received. The group coordinator in turn transmits the dues money to a section treasurer, along with the names of the members paying the dues.

New York, N. Y.

MAY 1 1951

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Re: CP, USA-MEMBERSHIP  
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By attached report dated 3/5/51, [ ] advised that there was an unscheduled meeting of some Maspeth CP Club members on that evening.

The meeting was for the purpose of discussing registration of various members of the club who have not been too active recently.

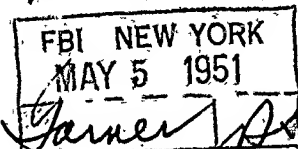
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Page 1 Mon March 5-51  
(Subject communism)

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This evening the following C.P. members visited me at my home arriving at 8:30 P.M. without any advance notice.

[redacted] Queens County C.P. press director.

[redacted] new C.P. section organizer of Maspeth-Ridgewood-section, and [redacted]

[redacted] explained that they took a chance on finding me home adding that [redacted] the new section organizer would like to discuss with me and get my opinion on some C.P. members of the Maspeth Club.

[redacted] stated that he had been told that I was the most active member of the Maspeth C.P. club and that I would likely know what to expect in line of C.P. activity from members of our club. Also the reason why several of the members have not been registered this year.

I reported that the main reason some of the members have not registered this year is because at a club organizers meeting [redacted] who was then our section organizer advised us to not register several C.P. club members because of inactivity, and that they are, [redacted] who we have not been able to contact because of the hostile attitude of his mother who always answers the phone and refuses to deliver a message to [redacted]

[redacted] because of inactivity, [redacted] for the same reason, [redacted] for lack of party understanding. [redacted] and his [redacted] insist that they are on leave of absence from the C.P. but who want to support the party financially in regard to our fund drive. I also stated that [redacted] was present at the meeting when the decision was reached in regard to those C.P. members and that he may add other reasons why they were not registered.

[redacted] stated that our new county leaders have issued orders that we register all our former C.P. members whether they are active or not, and asked if I thought it possible that we might register some who have not yet been registered.

I replied that if we could get past his mother we could register [redacted] also that [redacted] might be registered if visited by [redacted] who is a personal friend of both. As for [redacted] I suggested that [redacted] visit them and after talking with them draw his own conclusions.



After considerable discussion it was decided that [redacted] who is employed at [redacted] in Nassau County and who is organizer of the shop unit in said plant should contact [redacted] who is employed as an inspector in same plant and arrange a meeting for [redacted] with either [redacted] or [redacted] also that [redacted] altho transferred to C.P. union activity will be asked to go with [redacted] to visit [redacted] and [redacted] and that [redacted] and I should visit [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] would soon be with us again because she and [redacted] are coming back to Sunnyside in a couple of weeks.

The meeting ended at 10-P.M.

May 5, 1951

EXCERPT FROM  
SAC LT. NO. 45  
Series 1951

(C) COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP INTERNAL SECURITY - C -- A review of recent quarterly reports discloses that data concerning membership are, in a number of instances, not being reported currently and accurately. Reference is made to Section C of SAC Letter No. 63, dated September 5, 1950, which sets forth the method by which data on membership should be reported.

In the future, in order to eliminate the possibility of a variance in figures reported by auxiliary offices and offices of origin, all auxiliary offices are instructed to furnish their membership data to the appropriate offices of origin prior to the first day of the month in which a quarterly report on the Communist Party, USA is due. This will eliminate the possibility of different membership figures being reported for the same area by the auxiliary office and

the office of origin. Membership data should continue to be reported by the office of origin and auxiliary offices according to instructions issued in referenced SAC Letter. In the past, it has been noted that a number of offices have failed to follow these instructions thereby causing unnecessary correspondence.

In view of the definite public interest in the present strength of the Communist Party, it is essential that each office obtain, and report to the Bureau, current and accurate information concerning Party membership in accordance with present instructions.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

5-7-51

Re: CPUSA - membership  
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LOUIS GIBARTI, a former Comintern agent operating in the United States during the years 1928 to 1938, was interviewed by SA A. Robert Swanson of the New York Division in Paris, France, on January 15th through the 29th, 1951.

GIBARTI became a member of the Communist Party of Hungary in 1920 and later was recommended by the Communist Party to work with WILLI MUENZENBERG in the Workers International Relief (WIR) in Berlin, Germany. MUENZENBERG was a Comintern representative operating in the WIR for the relief of the famine stricken regions of Russia during the early part of 1920s. Later the WIR was used by the Soviet Union for propaganda purposes.

GIBARTI entered the United States in 1928 to reorganize the WIR branch in the U.S. While in the U.S. he also organized other relief and propaganda agencies for the benefit of the Soviet Union. While in the U.S. he was frequently at the Communist Party headquarters in New York City where he became acquainted with Communist Party functionaries and other members of the Party.

During the course of the interview with GIBARTI in Paris, France, he furnished information in answer to specific questions which are hereinafter set out. It is believed that the information GIBARTI furnished is of interest in instant case.

If any of the information furnished by GIBARTI is to be reported.

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IT SHOULD ATTRIBUTED TO GIBARTI BY NAME AND HE SHOULD BE CHARACTERIZED AS AN ALLEGED FORMER COMINTERN REPRESENTATIVE WHOSE CREDIBILITY IS NOT KNOWN SINCE HE HAS IN THE PAST FURNISHED RELIABLE AND UNRELIABLE INFORMATION.

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Question: GIBARTI was asked as to his opinion concerning the number of persons, Communist Party membership in the United States when he was in this country during 1928 to 1938.

GIBARTI stated that when he arrived in 1928 the Communist Party membership was stated, with great optimism, at 12,000 members. GIBARTI advised that actual party dues were paid by the 12,000. GIBARTI advised that when he left in 1938 the Communist Party stated they had 70,000 members. He further advised that EARL BROWDER claimed that the Communist Party membership had finally reached this figure. It was quite obvious, according to GIBARTI, that the Communist Party was undergoing tremendous prosperity during those years. These were the heydays in the American universities where they had huge backings by students in the colleges. The Communist Party likewise made great progress in the trade unions, and there was likewise important infiltration in the CIO, which was linked up to the Communist Party, primarily due to the anti-Nazi campaign in which the party was successful in depicting a favorable picture for itself in fighting Hitlerism and the Germans. This activity by the Communist Party gave it prestige before many known labor organizations.

Question: GIBARTI was asked if there was such a membership in the Communist Party known as "member at large".

GIBARTI stated that a "member at large" is a member who is not linked up with any nucleus. These individuals who are members at large come to the District Secretariat of the Communist Party to pay for their membership dues and have a stamp placed in their Communist Party book, which always remains in the possession of the Communist Party District. These books of the members at large are guarded in a safe place.

There must always be a valid reason for a Communist Party member to be classified as a "member at large". GIBARTI stated that he has an example as to what he means a "member at large" refers to. He stated that an important Columbia University professor, whose name was [redacted] (phonetic), who obviously could not link up with a straight nucleus of the Communist Party because members of a straight nucleus had further duties such as selling the "Daily Worker" on the street,

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canvassing the neighborhood for Communist work, could not identify his affiliation with the party. It was important that such an individual be not identified as a Communist Party member. Therefore, he is regarded as a "member at large", so that his actual membership might be hidden. GIBARTI stated that [redacted] who was a "member at large", was used in such an organization, for instance, as the International Federation of Scientific Workers, as he did not have to disclose his affiliation with the Communist Party and therefore could act in favor of the Communist Party without anyone knowing his true intentions.

GIBARTI stated that a secret member or a "member at large" is subject to Communist Party discipline, but should not be known as a Communist. The paying of Communist Party dues is absolutely necessary, as there is nobody exempt from paying party dues. GIBARTI advised that this is an iron rule of the Organizational Department of the Communist Party.

GIBARTI stated that he believes [redacted] at Columbia University is still connected with this college, teaching a social science. He stated that [redacted] was a Communist Party "member at large" because [redacted] himself told him this fact. However, GIBARTI stated he does not know if [redacted] is connected with the Communist Party at the present time. GIBARTI stated that he met [redacted] in 1934 at a board meeting of the American League Against War and Fascism, at which time [redacted] he told GIBARTI that he was a Communist Party member.

New York, New York  
May 8, 1951

MEMO

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
DISTRICT # 2, NEW YORK DIVISION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By attached report dated 3/17/51, [ ] advised that he visited Queens County CP Headquarters, 46-14 Queens Blvd., L.I. City, New York, on that day, where he had a meeting with [ ]

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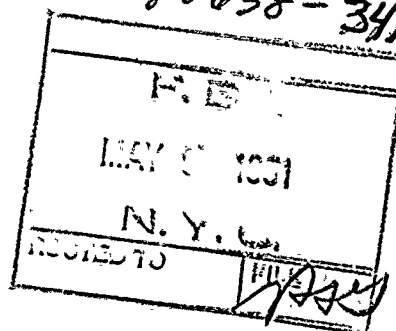
The main topic of discussion was the activities of the Maspeth CP Club. Other topics discussed included: membership activities and the fund drive,

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100-74560 (CPUSA-FUNDS)  
100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)  
100-90237 [ ]  
100-26603-4118 (MASPETH CP CLUB)  
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C O P Y

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SUBJECT: COMMUNISM

Today at 12 noon I visited the Queens County C.P. Headquarters, 46-14 Queens Blvd., L. I. City, NY. My visit was in accordance with instructions from [ ] relayed to me by [ ] to the effect that [ ] Queens County C.P. secretary wanted to see me at noon today at said headquarters. When I entered the headquarters I found the following C.P. members present.

[ ] both greeted me by a hand shake.

[ ] from the Celtics C.P. Club.

[ ] the Queens County C.P. press director.

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[ ] the Ridgewood-Maspeth C.P. section organizer. In previous reports I referred to him as [ ] his name is [ ] and he lives at [ ] He is part time [ ]

[ ] and I were present from the Maspeth C.P. Club.

[ ] called [ ] and myself into a separate room and closed the door.

After we all were seated [ ] stated that reason he wanted to talk to us was to try and find out what is wrong with the Maspeth C.P. Club and what should be done to improve our work there, adding that because workers who live in Maspeth are mostly employed in basic industry, the party considers Maspeth to be one of the most important sections in the county.

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[ ] also stated that it has come to his attention that for several months there has been no C.P. activity in Maspeth other than the delivery of the Worker on Sundays. Also that because of C.P. members not bring reregistered. The Maspeth Club membership has fallen off 50%.

[ ] then asked what the reason was for inactivity on the part of the Maspeth Club.

[ ] who was also present at the meeting, answered that the entire blame should fall on the C.P. leadership from the club level, the section level, and up to the County leaders because for about 6 months past the Maspeth C.P. Club has had practically no leadership from any source other than group leaders.

At the same time all active Club members who were not transferred from the Club, moved to distant parts of the county until now only 9 C.P. members remain in the Maspeth Club.

[ ] stated that no C.P. leader should try and shift the blame for his clubs inactivity away from himself and that he would not accept the excuse from [ ]

To that [ ] replied that in the first place he is not the Maspeth Club leader, adding that he is only a leader of a non existing C.P. group because all members of his group have either moved or were transferred by the C.P. to trade Union activity also that being alone in the group he has devoted his work to taking care of the Worker delivery. Then in answer to a question [ ] told [ ] that [ ] until recently was the C.P. Maspeth Club organizer.

[ ] then stated that for several months there has been no contact between Maspeth Club leaders and the C.P. section leaders and that for that reason C.P. activity in Maspeth has been at a standstill.

[ ] then directed his next remark to [ ] stating that from now on he would see that [ ] would have a full group to work with, also that [ ] was placed in a position of responsibility and work closely with [ ] also that [ ] the new section organizer will see that the Ridgewood and Maspeth C.P. clubs work closely together.

On the C.P. Fund Drive, [ ] stated that its very important that all clubs turn in no less than 40% of their quota by Wed. March 21, because on that evening a welcome house rally will be held for EUGENE DENNIS at the Rockland Palace, 155 Street & 8th Ave., NY City and Queens County hopes to announce 40% of our fund drive quota completed.



[ ] stated that his section quota is \$3,000.00 and that the Maspeth Club quota is \$400.00, \$200.00 of which should be turned in by Wed. March 21; also that all C.P. members who are employed are expected to turn in at least one weeks wages before the end of the fund drive.

[ ] concluded by saying that Sunnyside C.P. section has pudged to turn in half of their \$3900.00 quota by March 21 and that we must work toward the same goal or better. Then in parting [ ] told [ ] to work together in solving the problems in Maspeth and not to hesitate to call on him for help from the county.

On leaving the Queens County headquarters [ ] and I visited [ ] at his place of business, the Hopkins Drugstore, 63-19 Roosevelt Avenue of which [ ] we spent about 5 minutes with [ ] who promised to have some money for the fund drive Wed, March 21 at about 6- P.M. but that some one will have to call for it.

I then drove [ ] to Grand Street, Maspeth from which point he could board a [ ], which took him home.

THE GANNETT NEWSPAPERS  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE  
1267 NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING  
WASHINGTON 4, D. C.

May 1, 1951

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In your recent interview with U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, you were represented as saying there are 43,217 avowed Communist Party members in this country. Accompanying this total were figures for each state.

These figures showed that 22,575 of the Communists, more than half the nation's total, are in New York State. There are, however, no figures showing how many of these are in the metropolitan area and how many are in the upstate region.

Thus, full significance of state-by-state figures is somewhat dimmed by the absence of any word on distribution within New York State, which contains two markedly different geographic, political and cultural areas.

Our interest in this question arises from the fact that all 18 of the New York State newspapers of the Gannett Group are published in the upstate region.

Would it be possible to obtain any breakdown on this New York State figure, showing a comparison between New York City and the rest of the State, and perhaps further localizing the upstate figures?

Sincerely,

/s/



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May 4, 1951

Chief of Bureau  
Connors Law Service  
1237 National Press Building  
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear [redacted]

I certainly was glad to receive your letter of May 1, 1951.

Although I would like to give you all possible assistance in a matter of this type, I regret to advise that it will not be possible for us to make available to you any breakdown on the figures for New York State.

The statistics set forth in the recent interview printed in U. S. News and World Report were current just prior to the publication of this material. The numbers, of course, varied from time to time and the trend at present is toward a decrease in membership for the Party throughout the entire United States.

Sincerely yours

J. E. Hoover

cc - New York with copy of incoming  
cc - Buffalo with copy of incoming  
cc - Albany with copy of incoming

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New York 7, N.Y.

May 10, 1951

MEMORANDUM:

RE: CPUSA  
Dist. #2, NY Div.  
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By attached report dated March 13, 1951, [ ] advised of attending a special meeting for Section Staff, Co-ordinators and Group Captains of the Communist Party, held at Jamaica CP Section Headquarters, 107-04 New York Blvd., Jamaica, L.I., NY. on March 13, 1951.

The main topics of discussion were on; CP Fund Drive, reregistration of members, a peace meeting to be held in June, and literature.

Separate memos are being submitted on those individuals mentioned as attending this meeting.

John W. Dooley, SA.

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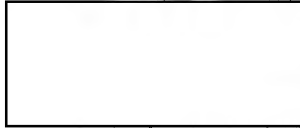
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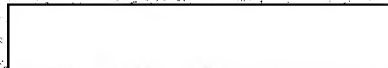
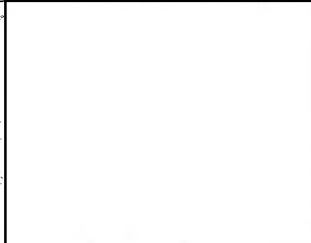
REPORTQUEENS

3/13/51 Special meeting for Section Staff; Co-ordinators; and Group Captains of the Communist Party. Held at Jamaica Section Headquarters located at 107-04 New York Blvd, Jamaica, New York.

Present: approximately 20 members

Speakers:

[redacted] according to  
Daily Worker.)  
Chairman for evening  
Formerly Rockaway Beach  
From County on Fund Drive  
From County on Re-registration

Others known to me:

Co-ordinator  
Co-ordinator

Fund Drive:

[redacted] said, "[redacted] is supposed to be the chairman for the evening, but I'm up here (at the table) so I might as well do it. Its up to us to teach the people what Stalin has said in Pravda. We must show the people, because if we don't, no one will do it for us. I'm sure that most of you here tonight have had talks with your co-ordinators, so I won't have to go into the subject thoroughly. But you all know that Queens has always been behind in our fund drives and there is no excuse whatsoever for this. By March 25th we must fulfill 60% of our quota which will be \$2530.00 and by April 15th the remaining 40% must be turned in. I know that the clubs have been asking that this quota be broken down into quotas for each club. We will try to do this. But Comrade [redacted] will speak more on this to you."



[redacted] approximately 5 feet height; approx 120 lbs; brown eyes; approx 30 years old; olive skin, said, "I work with the County on this fund drive, and I will be working with Jamaica Section here with you to help you during this drive. Every Friday night and Wednesday night there will be stations here in this section to collect monies on this drive. Do not hold any money because you may call in that you have

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cont 3. ordinators please see that your captains get them?"

Given was:

- (5) Political Affairs (February 1951)
- (6) Pamphlets "What it means to be a Communist" by Henry Winston 34
- (9) Save Willie McGee by Harry Raymond 54
- (25) "Stalin speaks for Peace" February 16, 1951 interview for distribution - National Council American-Soviet Friendship.

[redacted] said not to forget to send telegrams to Supreme Court Justice Black to save Willie McGee. Also there is to be a staff-co-ordinator-captain meeting every two weeks here at this section from now on. That will mean another meeting here a week from next Tuesday night.

[redacted] said, "There is to be a section mobilization on Saturday afternoon between two and three o'clock to step up the balloting on the peace ballots in this community. You must carry out an independent action on this and on the McGee case. It is all a part of the struggle for peace. The McGee case is a striking blow to American Imperialism. The peace crusade to Washington is to set up one large peace organization in America with all separate organizations for peace joining together. The warmongers are afraid of organization like this. And all joined together will hold their first meeting sometime in June under the banner of American Peace Congress, this is what is to come out of this crusade."

Meeting ended approx 11:30 p.m.

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five-hundred dollars, and you can't be credited with it, unless its right in at the County office to be counted. The quota is between six and seven hundred thousand dollars. Probably \$650,000.00 dollars. Queens quota is sixty-five thousand dollars. This section's quota is forty-three hundred dollars. I believe this section is divided into divisions known as A, B and C, isn't it?" [redacted] nodded "yes". [redacted] said, "Then Section A's quota is fifteen hundred dollars. Section B's quota is fifteen hundred dollars. And Section C's quota is the remaining thirteen hundred dollars. We will have a welcome back party for Eugene Dennis on March 21st we don't know where yet, but we definitely will have it, and we want 40% of your quotas in by March 20th in time for Dennis's rally. Having Dennis back with us is not enough, lets see that he stays back. He asked that \$600.00 be in by Tuesday so he would see this at his rally. We are to hit for 40% by then. This is what we can do. First get our own comrades to come to the defense of our Party, by getting their own money in first. Then hit our contacts up for collecting outside the Party. We are asking a weeks wages from every worker in the Party. Second, work out quotas for each comrade in your groups. Collections should be taken up among all workers in shops and factories get their support too for their own survival. For if a worker gives you one dollar, he is investing in his own future too. A political conviction is needed in this drive, so try to be a pace setter for the goal. We are forced to move faster then ever before for this drive. We have only a month in which to do it."

[redacted] (phonetic), both gave the same quotas for this fund drive. [redacted] said we must fight for our quotas. [redacted] said this section has to report to the County office day by day.

[redacted] approx 5 feet height, approx 145 lbs; approx 50 years old, said, "I work with the County on re-registration. As I understand it, this section is very far back on re-registration of its membership. I too, will be working here with you until this is cleared up. While you are getting quotas and collections for the fund drive you might at the same time re-register all members as you go along. Every one is to be re-registered in the Party. If you need any help on this I'll be here to visit these comrades with you or advise you what ever you want."

[redacted] said she lives in a project house at [redacted] if any one was going that way who has a car.

Literature:

[redacted] said, "Don't forget your literature which is laid out on the side table for you to take to your groups. Will the co- [redacted]"

New York, New York  
May 15, 1951

MEMO

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
DISTRICT NO. 2, NEW YORK DIVISION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By attached report dated 3-13-51, [ ] advised that there was a group meeting of the Maspeth CP Club held at the home of [ ] [ ] Flushing, L.I., on that date.

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The main topic of discussion concerned reorganization within the Queens County CP. They also discussed membership, funds, and civilian defense.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY, SA

cc: 62-8400 (P & C)  
100-90237 [ ]  
100-75490 [ ]  
100-65073 [ ]  
100-80638 (CPUSA -MEMBERSHIP) ✓  
100-80641 (CPUSA-ORGANIZATION)  
100-26603 (QUEENS COUNTY CP)  
100-26388 [ ]  
100-83979 [ ]  
100-15946 (JAMES TORMEY)  
100-68478 [ ]  
100-83282 [ ]  
100-98144 [ ]  
100-74560 (CPUSA-FUNDS)  
100-23372 (COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE)

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Page 1 Tues. March 13, 1951

SUBJECT COMMUNISM

This evening I attended a C.P. group meeting at home of [redacted] Flushing, [redacted] former address was [redacted] from which he moved in January to his new home in Flushing which he purchased for [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] also purchased a [redacted] in Jan. 1951.

[redacted] C.P. members present at the meeting were as follows:

[redacted]

[redacted] was also present but not as a member of same C.P. group and she did not take part in any discussion.

First point was a discussion led by [redacted] on the interview with STALIN by a reporter of Pravda, a Russian newspaper. The discussion lasted one hour and main point was that no nation can mobilize for war and at the same time increase production of civilian goods, lower prices and raise the workers wages as has recently been done in the Soviet Union.

The first question and answer from folded leaflet entitled, Stalin Speaks for Peace was read by [redacted] then discussed.

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[redacted] stated that we should study Stalin answers very closely so that we could answer our critics in the same terms.

[redacted] then asked [redacted] to report on the Queens County C.P. reorganization also on our Maspeth-Ridgewood reorganization.

[redacted] stated that on the county there is nothing to report other than that [redacted] were removed from positions of leadership and assigned to less important C.P. activity and that they were replaced with JAMES TORMEY who is now Queens County C.P. organizer and [redacted] who is now secretary,

[ ] wanted to know why [ ] was removed from C.P. leadership.

[ ] stated that main reason was because they would not activate the county C.P. members in accordance with directions from the National and State committees and insisted on running the county C.P. organization according to their own ideas.

[ ] then wanted to know what JAMES TORMEY did for the party to rate being placed in position as county C.P. leader.

[ ] replied that for several years JAMES TORMEY was in charge of organizing C.P. demonstrations in Manhattan and has done a very good job on such demonstrations as city hall, Union Square, Times Square and many tenants demonstrations which were on Jim Crow and eviction cases. Also that [ ] is a negro and the first negro to held a high position in the C.P. in Queens County,

[ ] then reported that [ ] has been assigned to full time C.P. position as Nassau County C.P. organizer, and that [ ] from Ridgewood has been promoted to [ ] place he left, as section organizer.

The C.P. fund drive was next discussed, [ ] told [ ] that he has been given a quota of \$100.00. Then asked if he would accept that figure, after some discussion [ ] agreed to accept that quota saying that by accepting the \$100.00 quota does not mean that he may not fall short of reaching it.

[ ] then asked what stand the C.P. is taking in regard to the Civilian Defense Program, adding that reason he asked was because the pharmists organization are in very strong turns demanding that all members of their organization sign up for civilian defense duty and by doing so would involve taking the loyalty oath, also that he has been approached by his new neighbors and asked to sign up for neighborhood civilian defense duty. [ ] suggested that because of the loyalty oath [ ] should disregard the whole thing,

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[ ] stated that it was not as simple as all that and that if he did refuse to join the civilian defense every neighbor would consider him a communist or a sympathizer also that his pharmists organization has sent him a questionarie to be filled out, which he cannot put aside and forget.

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[ ] then stated that to his knowledge there are no C.P. instructions to members in regard to civilian defense but that he would find out as soon as possible and let him know.

The meeting ended at 11-15 P.M.

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New York, New York  
May 28th, 1951

MEMO

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
DISTRICT # 2, NEW YORK DIVISION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By attached report dated March 17, 1951, [ ] that she met with [ ] of the Queensbridge CP Club, at which time they visited [ ] Queens, New York, in an attempt to get her to reregister in the Party. [ ] did not wish to reregister.

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JOHN W. DOOLEY, SA

cc: 62-9662 (P & C)  
100-60651 [ ]  
100-71052 [ ]  
100-80638 (CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP) ✓

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New York, N.Y.

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[redacted] met with [redacted] of Queensbridge to check a name of a party member for registration. One not seen in over a year. [redacted] arrived about one thirty. The person they went to see was [redacted] of [redacted]. A negro woman when spoken to she said that at least a year ago she spoke to [redacted] former party member of Queensbridge who has moved out, and was in charge of leadership) that she would not re-register in the party any more, her husband did not approve. No convincing or persuasion was used. So that is one of the names off the books.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

NEW YORK 7, N.Y.

5/24/51

MEMO:

RE: C.P.U.S.A. - Membership

I.S. SECURITY MATTER - C.

Confidential Informant  by report dated on 4/6/51  
advised that ~~the subject~~ <sup>at</sup> attended a meeting of the Boro Hall Section Kings Co.  
Communist Party on 1/30/51 at 77 5<sup>th</sup> Ave N.Y.C.

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(Informant's report is in New York file #100-26603-C43-993 p5)

REMARKS Philip Bart, Business Manager of the "Daily Worker" was  
guest speaker and stated that reregistration of Party members  
was approached incorrectly last fall when members were  
asked whether they wanted to be C.P. members instead of  
insisting that they reregister if they evidenced any sympathy  
with C. P. principals.

JEK:hd  
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EDWARD SCHEIDT 100 - 80638-347  
Special Agent in Charge NEW YORK

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New York, New York

May 31 1951

MEMO

RE: AMERICAN LABOR PARTY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By attached report dated March 29, 1951, [redacted] advised that there was a CP meeting of the ALP group at the home of [redacted] Queens, New York, on March 28, 1951. (S)

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At this meeting they discussed the CP fund drive; an LYL sponsored caravan to protest WILLIE MCGEE'S conviction, and membership. (S)

JOHN W. DOOLEY, SA

cc: 62-9662 (P & C)  
100-101620 [redacted]  
100-101017 [redacted]  
100-62683 [redacted]  
100-62682 [redacted]  
100-74560 (CPUSA-FUNDS)  
100-95240 (L.Y.L.)  
100-86341 [redacted]  
100-80638 (CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP)  
100-26603-C150 (QUEENSBRIDGE CP CLUB)  
66-5195 (P & C)

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3/29/51  
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New York, N.Y.

On Tuesday 3/28/51 there was a C.P. meeting of the A.L.P. group at the home of [redacted]

Those present were:



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No political discussion. The important thing at the moment is how to raise the two hundred dollars fund drive quota. [redacted] gave five dollars on the fund drive, and paid Jan., Feb., dues for her and her husband, [redacted]

[redacted] paid dues for Feb. [redacted] paid dues for Feb. [redacted] took the money five dollars back to Sunnyside to turn the money over to [redacted] "who lives in the [redacted] the same building [redacted] lives in.

The group was notified that the Labor Youth League is sponsoring a WILLIE MCGEE caravan at two thirty in Queensbridge. Each person pledge to make personal contacts for the fund drive. [redacted] was give four dollars and seventy cents out of the party treasury on a A.L.P. mailing for WILLIE MCGEE. We estimate about 100 people will be contacted. Another person will be placed in this group, [redacted] the husband of [redacted] another party member.

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The next meeting will be held at the home of [redacted]

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JUNE 5, 1951.

MEMO:

RE: CP, USA  
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On 5-24-51, Confidential Source NYC 426 made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N. Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party; Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

It will be noted that each exhibit bears the date received and the initials of S.A.  and S.E. G. E. Fuller who can testify as to the receipt of the exhibit.

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Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency.

For original evidence see ATTACHED in File #                     .

Description of exhibit:

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EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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# MEMBER PAYMENTS -- Jan.-June (Incl.) 1946

	Members Reg.	Month Aver. 1st qtr. %		On rolls April 1st	Aver.	May	June	Month Aver 2 qtr. %		6 mo. %	
New England	1470	720	50	1575	1213	657	1181	1104	69	60	✓
New York	22318	6601	29	23703	14,831	27623	25412	23757	66	67	
Eastern Pa.	2740	1051	23	2045	1543	2753	1923	2079	71	55	✓
W.D.C.	1050	634	63	1075	1073	730	432	765	71	67	✓
Western Pa.	672	272	41	766	520.4	797	453	545	71	55	✓
Ohio	2404	944	23	2629	1293	1526	2573	1822	69	54	✓
Michigan	1273	578	42	1512	963	1307	1233	1159	73	60	✓
Illinois	4137	1375	33	4453	1745	4304	2072	2060	67	50	✓
Minnesota	1000	532	53	1047	948	1543	1105	1199	114	63	
Indiana	551	125	23	530	457	574	*				
Northwest	2461	1703	73	2706	2563	2304	2570	2479	92	63	-
California	5562	2455	42	6200	4210	6310	6120	5549	63	63	-
New Jersey	2034	404	25	2007	1512	1623	974	1232	67	45	-
Conn.	730	220	25	833	511	426	606	514	60	43	✓
Wisconsin	962	654	69	1000	457	782	577	605	60	65	✓
Colorado	190	68	34	210	63	104	223	162	78	53	✓
Missouri	431	275	64	462	233	212	*316	285	63	63	✓
W. Va.	120	33	25	133	65	66	22	53	43	55	✓
Texas	207	174	75	200	276	127	227	222	71	24	
Louisiana	134	221	153	202	123	107	167	157	73	121	
Florida	130	95	74	100	104	103	163	154	61	70	
Virginia	143	150	67	67	117	124	52	113	113	103	
Alabama	256	178	47	444	174	176	103	101	41	44	
Oklahoma	100	73	73	103	137	127	*73	106	70	71	
Carolina				62		79	53	53	61		
Montana				63	23	92	22	50	75	65	
Idaho				121	173	151	120	141	104	90	
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\*No June Report.

NEW YORK, N.Y.  
JUNE 15, 1951

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CP, U.S.A. - ORGANIZATION; IS - C. DAYLET. CONFIDENTIAL  
SOURCE NYC FOUR TWO SIX FURNISHED COPY OF LETTER DATED JUNE  
THIRTEEN NINETEEN FIFTY-ONE FROM NATIONAL CP ORGANIZATIONAL  
COMMISSION TO ALL DISTRICTS REMINDING THEM THAT SUPREME  
COURT DECISION IS AIMED AT DISPERSING AND DEMOBILIZING PARTY  
BE REMOVING LEADERSHIP THROUGH JAILING, INTIMIDATION, AND OTHER  
HARASSMENTS. LETTER SAID THAT SINCE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS IN  
DECEMBER NINETEEN FIFTY, PARTY HAS BEEN EMPHASIZING AND PAYING  
MAJOR ATTENTION TO STABILIZATION OF PARTY GROUPS AND THAT MANY  
REGIONAL AND STATE CONFERENCES HAVE BEEN HELD ON THIS SUBJECT.  
LETTER SAID THAT MOST ALL OF THE MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONAL COMMISSION IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS HAVE MADE  
THIS THE CENTER OF THEIR DELIBERATIONS. RESULT OF APRIL DUES  
CONTROL, LETTER CONTINUED, SHOWED UNSATISFACTORY OVERALL TREND  
WITH VERY FEW DISTRICTS RISING ABOVE AVERAGE. SUCH TRENDS,  
THE LETTER POINTED OUT, SHOULD BE A DANGER SIGNAL WHICH, IF  
NOT HEEDDED, WILL RESULT IN MUCH SMALLER PARTY MEMBERSHIP IN  
NINETEEN FIFTY-ONE. LETTER SAID NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL  
DEPARTMENT PROPOSED JULY CONTROL FOR SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME

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CC: 100-80638 ✓

RSG:MZ (#7)  
100-80641

100-80638-350 <sup>43</sup>

PAGE TWO:

OF THE FIGHT FOR PARTY GROUP STABILIZATION AND TOTAL ACTIVI-  
ZATION OF ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP. LETTER DECLARED THAT <sup>PARTY</sup> "BUSINESS  
AS USUAL" DURING THIS PERIOD IS IMPERMIESIBLE. LETTER  
ENDED BY INCISTING THAT ALL COUNTIFS, SECTIONS, AND GROUPS  
DEVELOP TOTAL ORGANIZATIONAL PROCEDURES ~~WITH CHECKED FIGHT~~  
TO ATTAIN <sup>DUES PAYMENTS</sup> ~~REAR~~ OF EIGHTY PER CENT. FOR INFORMATION.

New York 7, New York

June 12, 1951

MEMORANDUM:

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY - U.S.A.  
DISTRICT # 2- NEW YORK DIVISION  
INTERNAL SECURITY -C

On June 5, 1951, the writer together with Special Agent JOHN DOOLEY contacted [redacted] who advised that there is no longer any position by name of the "Membership Director". She advised that the duties of the Membership Director are handled by the Organizational Secretary, namely [redacted] for the Queens County Communist Party.

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CC: 100- 80638 (CP USA- MEMBERSHIP) ✓

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

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CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP, IS C, DAYLET. FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF RAGAN  
NATIONAL COMMITTEE, CP, USA, AS RELEASED BY HENRY WINSTON  
NATIONAL CP ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, APPEARED IN DAILY WORKER  
FOR JUNE TWENTYONE FIFTYONE, PAGE TWO, COLUMN ONE. "THE SUPREME  
COURT DECISION, AND THE NEW STEPS FOR FURTHER PROSECUTIONS,  
HAVE CREATED A SITUATION IN WHICH THE CIVIL LIBERTIES OF NO  
AMERICAN IS SAFE ANYMORE. FOLLOWING THE VINSON VERDICT, A/  
DECISION WAS MADE BY THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT ON JUNE FOUR,  
NINETEEN FIFTYONE, WHICH WAS RATIFIED BY THE FULL NATIONAL  
COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY ON JUNE EIGHT NINETEEN FIFTYONE,  
PURSUANT TO ITS AUTHORITY UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CP, USA,  
TO CARRY THRU A NEW REGISTRATION OF ITS MEMBERSHIP IN ORDER TO  
PROTECT OUR ORGANIZATION FROM EVERY ATTEMPT TO OUTLAW AND SMASH  
IT. ONLY THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE REGISTERED UNDER THIS NEW  
REGISTRATION AND THEIR MEMBERSHIP APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE  
COMMITTEES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY ON OR BEFORE AUGUST EIGHT  
NINETEEN FIFTYONE, WILL HENCEFORTH BE AND REMAIN PARTY MEMBERS.  
ALL OTHERS NOT SO APPROVED HAVE CEASED TO BE PARTY MEMBERS AS  
OF JUNE FOUR NINETEEN FIFTYONE, AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AS  
SUCH FOR ANY PURPOSE". CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS OF THIS OFFICE  
BEING CONTACTED CONCERNING REAL MEANING AND INTERPRETATION OF

RSG:AMF #7  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FOREGOING STATEMENT AND BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED  
THEREOF.

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Special Agent in Charge

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU - URGENT

CP, USA DASH MEMBERSHIP, IS DASH C. DAY LET  
REMYTEL, JUNE TWENTYONE, LAST, RELATIVE TO CP STATEMENT IN  
"DAILY WORKER" FOR JUNE TWENTYONE, LAST, ON REGISTRATION  
OF PARTY MEMBERSHIP. [REDACTED]

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IN ANALYZING THIS STATEMENT, INTERPRETED IT TO MEAN THAT CP  
IS ENDEAVORING, IN LIGHT OF RECENT ADVERSE SUPREME COURT  
DECISION AND SEVENTEEN ARRESTS, TO ONE, TIGHTEN UP PARTY  
ORGANIZATIONAL APPARATUS BY INVOKING STRICTER MEMBERSHIP  
REQUIREMENTS, TWO, PURGE ITSELF OF DISLOYAL, DOUBTFUL,  
UNDESIRABLE, AND WEAKHEARTED MEMBERS, THREE, PROVIDE CONVENIENT  
FUTURE ALIBI FOR MEMBERS TO PLEAD NO MEMBERSHIP IN VIEW OF  
FACT THAT JUNE FOUR, LAST, WAS SET AS DATE WHEN MEMBERS  
CEASED TO BE MEMBERS UNLESS APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE.  
SOURCE ALSO INDICATED THAT STATEMENT IS FURTHER MANIFESTATION  
THAT PARTY HAS GONE UNDERGROUND TO GREAT EXTENT. FOR INFO.

SCHEIDT

CC: NY 100-81338 (CP-SECURITY MEASURES)  
NY 100-96985 (CP-UNDERGROUND)

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100-80638

Approved: *Wm#7*

Special Agent in Charge

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## COMMUNIST STATEMENT ON MEMBER REGISTRATION

The following statement of the National Committee was released today by Henry Winston, National Administrative Secretary of the Communist Party:

The Supreme Court decision, and the new steps for further prosecutions, have created a situation in which the civil liberties of no American is safe any more. Following the Vinson verdict, a decision was made by the National Secretariat on June 4, 1951, which was ratified by the full National Committee of the Communist Party on June 8, 1951, pursuant to its authority

under the Constitution of the CPUSA, to carry thru a new registration of its membership in order to protect our organization from every attempt to outlaw and smash it.

"Only those members who are registered under this new registration and their membership approved by appropriate committees of the Communist Party on or before Aug. 8, 1951, will henceforth be and remain party members. All others not so approved have ceased to be party members as of June 4, 1951, and will not be considered as such for any purpose."

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Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Bureau File 100-3-68

Dear Sir:

On June 22, 1951, [redacted] was interviewed and, during the course of same, he was asked for an interpretation of an article appearing in the "Daily Worker" newspaper for June 21, 1951, Page 2, Column 1, entitled "Communist Statement on Member Registration".

The informant advised that he had reviewed that statement and he was of the opinion that the statement meant just what it said. He stated that, no doubt, the annual Communist Party registration is going to take place earlier this year than in previous years. He stated that, no doubt, the decision to commence registration of Party members now during the Summer months, rather than in the Fall, was decided on by the National Committee of the Communist Party. The informant stated that the Communist Party will register each comrade after the individual comrade has been given a close review and perhaps a personal interview by the comrade's respective section or district Communist Party leadership committee. The informant stated that these respective district, county, or section committees will review the activity and the qualifications of each and every comrade. When it has been ascertained by these committees that a comrade has been inactive, has refused Party assignments, or has not paid his dues regularly, and has shown a lack of cooperation with the Party leadership, then the decision will be made to drop this type of comrade from the Party rolls by not inviting him to re-register as a Party member.

cc: NY 100-96985  
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He stated that those comrades who have, in the past, been uncooperative and show by their attitude that they could not stand up under pressure, in that they would not support or be loyal to the Party during the present crisis, the Party will refuse to register. These committees will register those comrades who have been active in Party assignments, who have paid their dues, and who have made personal sacrifices of their time and effort in supporting or working in behalf of the Communist Party. Such members, according to the informant, will be invited to register as members of the Communist Party for the coming year. The informant stated that all those comrades who have not been invited to register by such committees can consider themselves dropped from the rolls of Communist Party membership. The informant stated that, no doubt, as a result of this new registration, the total membership of the Party will be greatly reduced, but that those members who do re-register will be considered loyal and trusted comrades on whom the Party can count during this crisis.

The above is furnished for the Bureau's information.

Yours very truly,

*Edw. Scheidt*  
EDWARD SCHEIDT  
SAC

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: June 28, 1951

FROM : SAC, ALBANY

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA  
DISTRICT #2, NEW YORK DIVISION  
MEMBERSHIP  
(New York file 100-80638)

Reference is made to Albany letter to New York with cc to Buffalo dated April 9, 1951.

For the preparation of the quarterly report for the period April 1 through June 30, 1951, you are advised that there has been only one change of the membership in the territory covered by the Albany Division. That is one member has been recruited at Ithaca, New York. The source of this information is

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The above additional member would not effect the northeastern subdistrict, whose estimated membership remains 126. It would effect the portion of the Western subdistrict covered by the Albany Division, giving that territory a total of 150. The total estimated membership for the portion of New York State covered by the Albany Division is 276.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York  
 FROM : SAC, Buffalo  
 SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.  
 DISTRICT NO. 2  
 BUFFALO DIVISION  
 MEMBERSHIP  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: July 5, 1951

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Remylets, 4/2/51 and 1/4/51, to New York Office captioned as above.

No information has been received since referenced letters from reliable informants and other sources of information, which would indicate the exact membership figures for the Communist Party territory covered by the Buffalo Division.

The Albany Division, by letter dated April 12, 1951, advised this office that Albany CNDI 2859, of known reliability, had furnished information to Special Agent [ ] on March 31, 1951 as follows:

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[ ] Communist Party Organizer for the Southern Tier Section, New York State Communist Party, while discussing the efficiency of the present system of small Communist Party groups, recently with the informant, pointed out the inefficiency of this type of group setup and cited the fact that the Buffalo-Lackawanna (New York) area had registered ten percent of the members which they had last year.

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Using the above percentage, the membership in the Buffalo-Lackawanna area based on the 1950 figures as mentioned in referenced letter of January 4, 1951, would be approximately ten percent of 331 (292 in Buffalo and 39 in Lackawanna) or 33 members. This figure, however, would not include the members who have not registered through fear of prosecution but who continue to pay Communist Party dues and assessments and the members registered since [ ] statement. Then too, as is pointed out in the first paragraph of referenced letter of January 4, 1951, the registration in the Buffalo area has been on more or less a hit and miss basis and many of the members have not been registered simply because those registering the members have not gotten around to them. However, these individuals are members, in fact, even though they have not been officially registered.

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Further, in this connection [ ] both of known reliability advised Special Agent [ ] of this office on July 5, 1951 that they estimate the membership of the Communist Party in the Buffalo area to be about the same as it was last year, namely approximately 229. The informants said that they very seriously doubt whether all 229 members have been registered as yet because the few members who are conducting the registration in Buffalo are prone to procrastinate and are not overly energetic in their work for the Party. Then too the informants pointed out that many of the members do not intend to register but they intend to continue paying dues and participating in Party activities. This fact was pointed out in my letter of reference, dated January 4, 1951.

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.  
DISTRICT NO. 2  
BUFFALO DIVISION  
MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

July 5, 1951

In view of the above it is believed that the estimated membership for the Buffalo territory should be considered as being the same as set out in referenced letter of January 4, 1951, that is approximately 364. It is believed this figure is more accurate and presents a truer picture of the Communist Party membership status as of the present time although the actual registered membership would, no doubt, be much less. Attempts are being made to obtain more detailed information in regard to registration. However, such information is particularly difficult to obtain at the present time because of the security regulations of the Party itself and the fact that the local Communist Party leadership is prone to withhold information of this sort from the membership and any inquiries on the part of the informants would serve to make the leadership suspicious of them.

FBI, PITTSBURGH 7-7-51 12-16PM NLW  
DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK.....URGENT

CP, USA, IS DASH C. DAYLET ON JULY SIX LAST [REDACTED] OF  
KNOWN RELIABILITY ADVISED THAT ON EVENING JULY FIVE LAST INFORMANT HAD  
BEEN CONTACTED BY [REDACTED] ORGANIZERS FOR NORTH  
SIDE SECTION OF DISTRICT FIVE, CP. [REDACTED] TOLD INFORMANT THEY  
WERE CANVASSING ALL MEMBERS NORTH SIDE SECTION TO DETERMINE WHICH ONES  
DESIRED TO REMAIN IN PARTY DESPITE CURRENT PROSECUTION OF COMMUNISTS.

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[REDACTED] SAID PARTY WANTED DECISION FROM EACH COMRADE BEFORE  
AUGUST EIGHT NEXT AND STATED THAT ALL MEMBERS EXPRESSING DESIRE TO REMAIN  
IN PARTY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY EITHER LOCAL OR NATIONAL CONTROL  
COMMISSION. [REDACTED] DID NOT SPECIFY BASIS FOR THIS ACTION  
OR ELABORATE AS TO WHAT PARTY MEMBERSHIP AFTER AUGUST EIGHT WOULD INVOLVE  
BUT GAVE GENERAL IMPRESSION THAT CP WANTED TO THIN ITS RANKS AND RETAIN  
ONLY THOSE MEMBERS WHOSE LOYALTY COULD BE DEPENDED ON IN ANY EVENTUALITY.  
INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] CONFIRMED BY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] INFORMANTS HUSBAND, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT DURING INTERVIEW WITH  
[REDACTED] HOWEVER, NO SIMILAR INFO RECEIVED TO DATE FROM  
OTHER PITTSBURGH INFORMANTS.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU...URGENT

CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP, IS-C, DAYLET.

ADVISED THAT A CP REGISTRATION KNOWN AS QUOTE MID-SUMMER  
CONTROL UNQUOTE HAS COMMENCED IN QUEENS COUNTY CP. CP  
LEADERS OF ALL CLUBS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO VISIT EACH  
COMRADE OF THEIR CLUB AND ATTEMPT MADE TO RE-REGISTER  
THE COMRADE, SECURING CP DUES UP TO AND INCLUDING AUGUST,  
NINETEEN FIFTYONE. THE INFORMANT STATED THAT ANY COMRADES  
WHO REFUSE TO PAY THEIR DUES OR RE-REGISTER FOR CP WILL  
BE DROPPED. INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO CLUB LEADERS THAT THIS  
REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY END OF AUGUST, NINETEEN  
FIFTYONE. ABOVE FOR INFO.

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CC: NY 100-74500  
62-8400

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DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK U R G E N T

CP; USA, MEMBERSHIP, IS DASH CWM DALET. [REDACTED] OF

KNOWN RELIABILITY, HAS ADVISED THAT THE CP REGISTRATION NOW IS PROGRESS  
 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA MUST BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST EIGHT, FIFTY ONE.

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July 23, 1951

MEMO:

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
ORGANIZATION;  
INTERNAL SECURITY -C

On 6/14/51, Confidential Source NYC 426 made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N. Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

It will be noted that each exhibit bears the date received and the initials of S.A.                      and S.E. A. E. Faller who can testify as to the receipt of the exhibit.

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Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency.

For original evidence see attached in File # 100-80641-898

Description of exhibit:

Two page mimeographed letter dated 6/13/51 addressed "Dear Comrade" from the National Organizational Commission of CP USA. It pertains to the 6-2 decision of the Supreme Court in the case of the CP leaders and deals with the designation of the month of July as "Control" month.

The Bureau has been advised by teletype of this letter.

cc: 100-80638 (CP USA-Membership)

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEW YORK

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CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP. IS, C. DAYLET. [REDACTED]

FURNISHED ON AUGUST SEVEN LAST A FOUR PAGE PAPER ENTITLED QUOTE THE PARTY FORUM UNQUOTE IDENTIFIED AS ISSUED BY THE ILLINOIS STATE COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY, TWO NAUGHT EIGHT NO. WELLS STREET, CHICAGO. THIS NEWSPAPER IDENTIFIED AS AUGUST, FIFTYONE ISSUE. ON PAGE TWO, COLUMNS ONE AND TWO, NEXT OF HIS ISSUE APPEARS ARTICLE WITH HEADLINE QUB STATEMENT ON MEMBER REGISTRATION UNQUOTE. THIS STATES AS FOLLOWS.. QUOTE, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE WAS RELEASED ON JUNE TWENTYONE, NINETEEN FIFTYONE, BY HENRY WINSTON, NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTYTY .. QUOTE, THE SUPREME COURT DECISION, AND THE NEW STEPS FOR FURTHER PROSECUTIONS, HAVE CREATED A SITUATION IN WHICH THE CIVIL LIBERTIES OF NO AMERICAN IS SAFE ANY MORE. FOLLOWING THE VINSON VERDICT, A DECISION WAS MADE BY THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT ON JUNE FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTYONE, WHICH WAS RATIFIED BY THE FULL NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY ON JUNE EIGHT, NINETEEN FIFTYONE, PURSUANT TO ITS AUTHORITY UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CPUSA, TO CARRY THRU A NEW REGISTRATION OF ITS MEMBERSHIP IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR ORGANIZATION FROM EVERY ATTEMPT TO OUTLAW AND

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SMASH IT. ONLY THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE REGISTERED UNDER THIS NEW REGISTRATION AND THEIR MEMBERSHIP APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY ON OR BEFORE AUGUST EIGHT, NINETEEN FIFTYONE, WILL HENCEFORTH BE AND REMAIN PARTY MEMBERS. ALL OTHERS NOT SO APPROVED HAVE CEASED TO BE PARTY MEMBERS AS OF JUNE FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTYONE, AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AS SUCH FOR ANY PURPOSE. UNQUOTE. IN KEEPING WITH THE FOREGOING STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE, CPUSA, THE STATE COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY OF ILLINOIS, DESIGNATES THE FIRST TWO WEEKENDS OF AUGUST AS MEMBERSHIP CONTROL WEEKENDS, FOLLOWING WHICH THE REGISTRATION IS CLOSED. ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION, BRING ALL MEMBERS INTO GOODSTANDING, ARE TO BE TAKEN BY THE SECTIONS AND CLUBS ON AND BETWEEN THESE WEEKENDS. ONLY THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE REGISTERED AND THEIR MEMBERSHIP APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF ILLINOIS BY THE SECOND WEEKEND OF AUGUST, NINETEEN FIFTYONE, WILL HENCEFORTH BE AND REMAIN PARTY MEMBERS. ALL OTHERS NOT SO APPROVED HAVE CEASED TO BE PARTY MEMBERS AS OF JUNE FOURTH., NINETEEN FIFTYONE, AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AS SUCH FOR ANY PURPOSE. UNQUOTE. CP INFORMANTS OF THIS OFFICE STATE ABOVE PUBLICATION

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IS GIVEN VERY RESTRICTED CIRCULATION AND IS NOT FURNISHED TO ALL CP MEMBERS. IT IS ALSO KNOWN THAT PAPER IS CLOSELY SUPERVISED AT PRINTING PLANT AND ANY EXTRA COPIES. ARE IMMEDIATELY DESTROYED AND NOT HANDLED AS OTHER SURPLUS COPIES. CHICAGO INFORMANTS BEING ALERTED TO ABOVE STATEMENT IN ORDER TO BE APPRISED OF REGISTRATION PROCEDURE.

 E CORR... PAGE ONE LINE SIX WORD SIX SHD BE ...THIS....

LAST WORD LINE SIX SHD BE ...QUOTE....

PAGE THREE LINE TWO WORD TEN SHD BE ...SUPERVISED...

LST LINE WORD TWO SHD BE ...STATEMENT...

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New York, New York  
August 17th, 1951

MEMO

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
JEWISH ACTIVITIES  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

[redacted] by report dated  
July 26, 1951, advised that a convention of the Rabbinical  
Council of U. S. & Canada was held in May at Atlantic City,  
New Jersey.

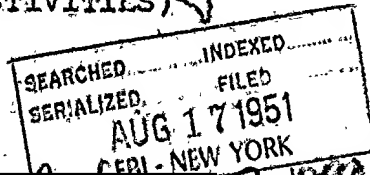
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Copy of informant's report is attached.

JOHN W. DCOLEY, SA

cc: 67-2557(P & C)  
100-64429 [redacted]  
100-80638 (CPUSA-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES)

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Report

July 26, 1951  
New York

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RABINACEL COUNCIL OF  
THE UNITED STATES AND  
CANADA ACTIVITIES

[redacted] Executive Secretary of the Coordination Committee of Jewish Landsmanshaften, told me that the "Rabinacel Council of the United States and Canada" had a convention in Atlantic City in May, 1951. At this convention the Rabinacel Council, an organization of over 700 Jewish religious leaders, passed "two important resolutions."

One resolution calls upon the U. S. Congress to exert all of its power and influence for the establishment of peace and Korea and throughout the world in the spirit of the Johnson resolution. The resolution also calls upon the Jewish people to unite "in the face of war danger" and work for peace. Another resolution states that the Rabinacel Council "is reaffirming its believe" in the democratic principle of freedom of the individual and therefore condemns all individuals and groups who stamp as disloyal and subversive those who happen to disagree with them. The Rabinacel Council underlines that "every person has the right to express his opinion even if this opinion is contrary to the officially established political opinion."

[redacted] told me that his committee considers these two resolutions of great importance because of the importance of the organization which adopted them. He said that the Jewish "peace group" which was formed at the Chicago "People's Peace Congress" and his coordination committee decided to give wide publicity to the above mentioned two resolutions among the Jewish masses in the United States. He said that "we are thinking" of publishing these resolutions in a pamphlet on peace and circulate this pamphlet in Jewish neighborhoods, throughout the country.

Director, FBI

September 3, 1951

SAC, New York

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, MEMBERSHIP  
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(Bufile 100-3-68)

On August 31, 1951 [redacted] of [redacted] known reliability, advised SA [redacted] of a Communist Party meeting held on August 21, 1951 at the home of [redacted] Brooklyn, New York.

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The meeting was attended by [redacted] Area Director of Jay Smith Clubs #1 and #2, [redacted] Organizer of Jay Smith Club #2, [redacted] a Kings County official and a Comrade [redacted] who is believed to be [redacted] a Kings County official.

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[redacted] stated that in view of the hazardous position of the Communist Party, it was necessary to take precautions that the membership was trustworthy and loyal. Accordingly it was decided that a written verification be made of party leadership. This verification would be similar to the recent verification made orally. He stated that he and Comrade [redacted] had been designated for the Doro Hall area. He also stated that this meeting was to be held in the strictest confidence, and was not to be mentioned to the rank and file party member.

A two page legal size questionnaire with some fifty or sixty questions mimeographed thereon was passed to the members present. The questionnaire was split into three parts; the first concerned party background, the second concerned military service, and the third related to personal life.

Under the first part questions were asked regarding the comrade's name, birth data, residence, nationality and economic background of parents, own economic background, employment, trade, wages, former employments, religion, education, mass organization, when the comrade joined the Communist Party, who recruited the comrade, places where the comrade worked five years prior to entrance into the Communist Party, economic or political struggles before entering the party, and economic and political struggles since entering the party, previous political affiliations, other comrades who knew the writer before joining the party, what comrades know

cc: 100-26603-C43  
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Letter to Director  
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the writer longest, close friends and acquaintances of the comrade both in the party and outside the party, Communist Party schools attended, Communist Party positions held, whether the comrade has ever been a full time functionary, has he ever disagreed with the Communist Party, and how, does he know anyone who is "sour" on the party; has he associated with anyone who was expelled from the party or who is an enemy of the party, or who has caused factional disputes, has he any relatives employed by the city, state or federal government, has he ever been investigated.

Under part two questions were asked regarding military service, the branch of the service, the rank held; whether the comrade was ever arrested, even for a traffic violation; whether he had ever been out of the United States.

Under the final section questions were asked regarding military status; whether living with spouse; any children of the marriage; state of health; any serious illnesses; any psychiatric treatment; names and occupations of all brothers and sisters; indulgence in gambling, drinking or playing cards.

After the form was completed and handed in to [ ] separate pieces of paper were distributed to each person present. Each of the following questions were answered on separate pieces of paper. The first question was whether the comrade was suspicious of anyone in the party or anyone close to the party. If there were any suspicions, the member was asked to write down the name of the person suspected and the reasons for such suspicion.

The second question was whether the party comrade had ever been investigated.

The next question was whether the party comrade had ever taken a civil service examination or ever held a civil service position.

The last question was whether the comrade had ever used narcotics.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
SEPTEMBER 13, 1951

BUREAU URGENT  
ATTENTION: A. H. BELMONT

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] DASH CP, USA  
ORGANIZATION, IS DASH C. DAYLET. INFORMANT CONTACTED SEPTEMBER  
TWELVE LAST AND ADVISED THAT AS OF NOW IT IS APPARENT, BASED ON  
HIS OBSERVATION, CONVERSATION WITH PARTY MEMBERS AND PERSONAL  
KNOWLEDGE THAT THE CP INTERNALLY AND ORGANIZATIONALLY IS AT A  
"STAND STILL." INFORMANT STATED THAT THERE IS AN APPARENT STATE  
OF DISORGANIZATION AND DISBURSAL OF FORMERLY ACTIVE LEADERS IN  
THE DISTRICT AND SECTION LEVELS. ~~THE~~ RESTRICTED MASS ACTIVITY OF  
THE PARTY ESPECIALLY AS IT <sup>reflects</sup> OFFERS THE MIDDLE AND LOWER CIRCLES  
REFLECTS LITTLE OR NO ACTIVITY. INFORMANT STATED THAT SECRET  
PARTY WORK PERFORMED IN UNDERGROUND FASHION AND THE EXTENT OF  
THIS UNDERGROUND ACTIVITY SEEMS TO BE SLOW WITH THE PARTY  
FOLLOWING A WAIT AND SEE PROGRAM. INFORMANT ADVISED THAT THE  
CP SEGMENT ABOVE GROUND APPEARS TO BE OPERATING VERY MUCH ON  
ITS OWN AND ALONG THE LINES OF SEVERAL RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES  
SUCH AS, ONE, THE DEFENSE MOVEMENT OF THE ARRESTED LEADERS,  
TWO, THE PEACE MOVEMENT AND, THREE, THE PARTY FUND DRIVE.

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INFORMANT ADVISES THAT THE ABSENCE OF REGULARLY FUNCTIONING AND ACTIVE LEADERSHIP ON THE DISTRICT AND SECTION LEVELS AND THE CONSEQUENT ABSENCE OF UNIFORM ACTIVE CAMPAIGNS OR MASS MEETINGS CLEARLY INDICATES THAT THERE IS NO REAL PARTY PROGRAM TO FOLLOW AT THE PRESENT TIME. INFORMANT ADVISED THAT THE TYPE OF CONTACTING EXISTING BETWEEN TOP LEADERSHIP AND LOWER LEVELS IS NOT IN THE CONFERENCE OR MEETING FORM, BUT THROUGH PERSONAL CONTACT FORM. OBVIOUSLY, AN UNDERGROUND LEADER CAN SEE ONLY SO MANY PEOPLE AND DO SO MUCH DURING A DAY, THEREFORE, INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT THE CP LINES OF CONTACT AND ACTIVITY ARE DISRUPTED AND THAT THE PARTY LEADERSHIP ANTICIPATES ADDITIONAL ARRESTS AND PRESSURE FROM THE GOVERNMENT. IN REGARDS TO THE KOREAN WAR, THE INFORMANT STATED THAT HE BELIEVES ANY PEACE ~~PROCESSES~~ <sup>WOULD</sup> DRAWN UP BETWEEN THE UN AND NORTH KOREAN FORCES <sup>WOULD</sup> HAVE TO MEET WITH THE SECRET APPROVAL OF THE SOVIET UNION. INFORMANT STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION, THERE ARE NO DIFFERENCES OF IDENTITY BETWEEN THE POLICIES OF RED CHINA AND THE POLICIES OF THE SOVIET UNION, THEY ARE ONE AND THE SAME. INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT THE UN FORCES IN NEGOTIATING WITH RED CHINA ARE ACTUALLY DEALING WITH THE SOVIET UNION SINCE A STRONG MILITARY ALLIANCE BETWEEN THESE TWO NATIONS IS IN EXISTENCE. INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT THE POLICY OF THE SOVIET

UNION IS CARRIED OUT BY THE LEADERSHIP OF RED CHINA.

INFORMANT ADVISED THAT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY WORD FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A CP UNDERGROUND WORKER. INFORMANT WILL ADVISED NYO IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING ANY CONTACT FROM ROBERTS RELATIVE TO INFORMANT'S ACTIVITY IN CP UNDERGROUND. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 9/20/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/4-20/51	REPORT MADE BY RUSSELL S. GARNER
TITLE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA District No. 2 New York Division			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY-C
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  QUARTERLY PERIOD - APRIL 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1951  WILLIAM NORMAN, NYS CP Executive Secretary, one of 21 Communist leaders indicted by Federal Grand Jury in SDNY on 6/20/51 for violation of Smith Act, avoided arrest and is now fugitive. CP groups in NYC being reactivated back into clubs in reorganization. 1951 fund drive of District No. 2 continues. Quota for District No. 2 in 1951 National CP Fund Drive was \$236,000. out of national goal of \$374,895. Tighter physical security measures adopted at NYS CP headquarters building in NYC. CP functionaries becoming increasingly cautious in their contacts. Dissident elements still manifest in Queens County CP: [redacted] NYS CP Literature Director, expelled from CP for serious financial irregularities. District No. 2 gives all-out support to peace campaign, proposal of Soviet Union's UN Delegate [redacted] for cease fire in Korea and resolution of Senator JOHNSON calling for end to Korean War. WILLIAM NORMAN and [redacted] members of NYS Committee CP, were fraternal delegates to Third National Assembly of CP of Puerto Rico in May 1951. Political action toward third party or grouping of peace forces advanced as general objective of District No. 2. VITO MARCANTONIO, NYS ALP Chairman, denounced Supreme			
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Court decision of Smith Act and declared ALP's forthcoming NYC campaign will be based on peace and equality. District No. 2 opposed increase in NYC sales tax and urges return of proportional representation. Campaign carried on by CP against hearings in Washington, DC, under Internal Security Act of 1950, claiming Board members are not sitting legally since unconfirmed by Senate. Stoning of home of ROBERT THOMPSON, NYS CP Chairman, on four occasions in April-May 1951 protested by District No. 2. District No. 2 emphasizes building of progressive rank and file opposition in right-led unions and bringing of Negroes into union leadership. Several Veterans contingents participated in May Day Parade in NYC. Harlem Trade Union Council in June 1951 converted its membership and organization into new group known as Greater New York Negro Labor Council. First Empire State Convention of LYL, held in NYC, May 18-20, 1951 was addressed by GUS HALL, HENRY WINSTON and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, all National CP Committee members, and [redacted] NYS CP Education Director. State CP Women's Commission pushing peace activities of various women's organizations. Eastern CP Farm Conference, held in NYC in late June 1951, stressed necessity of organizing agriculture, labor and migratory workers into unions. "DAILY WORKER" critics condemned false portrayal of Negroes in literature and films and rapped Cardinal SPELLMAN's boycott of Italian movie, "The Miracle." District No. 2

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urges purchase by all members of "Political Affairs", "Masses and Mainstream", "Freedom", "March of Labor", "Jewish Life", "New Foundations" and "New World Review."

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District #2  
New York Division  
NY File 100-26603  
Period: April 1 - June 30, 1951

MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau File 100-3-68)  
(New York File 100-80638)

Membership of District #2

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, made available on March 30, 1951, a document containing figures which were apparently membership statistics for all Communist Party Districts throughout the United States.

The membership of District #2, which comprises New York State, was listed as 17,926 in this document. Estimated membership in the New York Division is 17,286.

ADMINISTRATIVE

CP, USA  
 District #2  
 New York Division  
 NY File 100-26603  
 Period: April 1 - June 30, 1951

MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau File 100-3-68)  
 (New York File 100-80638)

According to the latest available estimate of the Buffalo Office, there were approximately 364 Communist Party members located within the Buffalo Division, during the last quarter of 1950, according to a computation based on information furnished by Confidential Informants T-28, T-29, and T-30, all of known reliability.

The Albany Office estimated that there were approximately 276 Communist Party members in the Albany Division during the second quarter of 1951, computed from information furnished by Confidential Informant T-31, of known reliability.

The total of 640 Communist Party members located within the Buffalo and Albany Division, subtracted from the 17,926 total Communist Party membership in District #2, gives 17,286 as the membership figure for the New York Division.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (cont.)INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER dated September 20, 1951 at New York are as follows:

- T - 1 [redacted] who furnished information to SA RICHARD H. BLASSER. b7D
- T - 2 [redacted] who furnished information to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.
- T - 3 Confidential Source NYC 426, who furnished information to SAs [redacted]  
[redacted] b6  
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- T - 4 [redacted] who furnished information to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.
- T - 5 [redacted] who furnished information to SA JOHN W. DOOLEY.
- T - 6 [redacted] who furnished information to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY. b7D
- T - 7 [redacted] who furnished information to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.
- T - 8 [redacted] who furnished information to SA JOHN H. KLEINKAUF.
- T - 9 [redacted]  
[redacted] Brooklyn, New York, who furnished information to SA(A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF. [redacted] requested that his identity be kept confidential. b6  
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Street, Bronx, New York, who furnished  
information to SA(A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF.  
[redacted] requested that his identity  
be kept confidential.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Long Island, New  
York, who furnished information to  
SA(A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF. [redacted]  
requested that his identity be kept  
confidential.

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[redacted] who furnished information  
to SA JOHN W. DOOLEY.

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Confidential Source NYC 301, who  
furnished information to SA RICHARD  
H. BLASSER.

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ND 639, who furnished information to  
SA JOSEPH V. WATERS.

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Confidential Mailbox, maintained by  
the New York Office, the contents of  
which were made available to SA JOHN  
T. MURPHY.

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[redacted] who  
furnished information to SA(A) JOHN  
H. KLEINKAUF.

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[redacted] who fur-  
nished information to SA(A) JOHN H.  
KLEINKAUF.

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- T - 18 [redacted]  
[redacted] who furnished information  
to SA H. RAWLINS OVERTON.
- T - 19 [redacted] who furnished information  
to SA(A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF.
- T - 20 [redacted]  
New York City Police Department, 400  
Broome Street, New York City.
- T - 21 [redacted] who furnished information to  
SA JOHN W. DOOLEY.
- T - 22 ND 515
- T - 23 [redacted] who furnished information to  
SA JOHN W. DOOLEY.
- T - 24 [redacted] who furnished information to  
SA FRANK R. LONGO.
- T - 25 Philadelphia Confidential Informant  
PH-83.
- T - 26 [redacted]
- T - 27 Philadelphia Confidential Informant  
PH-156.
- T - 28 [redacted]  
who furnished information to SA  
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- T - 29 [redacted]  
who furnished information to SA  
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T - 32 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] who furnished information  
to SA [REDACTED]

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T - 36 Confidential Source NYC 419, who  
furnished information to SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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T - 37 [REDACTED] who furnished information to  
SA [REDACTED]

T - 38 Albany Confidential Informant  
AL-2848.

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T - 40 ND 520

T - 41 [REDACTED] who furnished information to  
SA FRANK J. SMITH.

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T - 43 [REDACTED] who furnished information  
to SA [REDACTED]

T - 44 [REDACTED] who furnished information  
to SA VICTOR A. LEMAITRE.

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V	UNDERGROUND MEASURES	SA CHESTER A. REILLY
VI	FACTIONALISM	SA THORNTON M. WOOD
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XVIII	CULTURAL ACTIVITIES	SA JOSEPH V. WATERS
XIX	NATIONAL GROUPS COMMIS- SION	SA JAMES J. Mc CARTHY
XX	RELIGION	SA [REDACTED]
XXI	PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICA- TIONS	SA JOHN T. MURPHY
XXII	EDUCATION	SA(A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report pertinent activities of District No. 2, CP, USA, for the quarterly period beginning July 1, 1951 and ending September 30, 1951

REFERENCE

Report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, 4/19/51, at New York.

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TITLE <b>COMMUNIST PARTY, USA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>Re-membership</i> <b>QUARTERLY PERIOD - APRIL 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1951</b>  Following U.S. Supreme Court decision on 6/4/51 upholding constitutionality of Smith Act, under which 11 Communist leaders were convicted, CPUSA declared that this deprived Party of its legality and in effect outlawed it. CPUSA expressed view, however, that Party still has many legal opportunities for mass work within Trade Unions, peace groups and Negro organizations. WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, California State CP Chairman, assumed active leadership of CPUSA in mid-June, 1951. 21 Communist leaders indicted by Federal Grand Jury in SDNY on 6/20/51 for violation of the Smith Act, of which 17 were arrested, but JAMES JACKSON, SIDNEY STEIN and FRED FINE, all alternate members of National Committee, CPUSA, avoided apprehension and are now fugitives. On 6/8/51 CPUSA initiated new registration of its membership in order to protect Party by decreeing that only those members registered under new registration and whose membership is approved by Party on or before 8/8/51 will henceforth be and remain Party members; all others not so approved cease to be Party members as of 6/4/51. 1951 CP Fund Drive,  <i>9-26-51 Place in Sx status per [signature]</i>			
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as of early June, 1951, totaled \$261,178 out of quota of \$374,895. Tighter physical security measures adopted at National and NY State Headquarters CP Building, NYC. CP functionaries becoming increasingly cautious in their contacts. LEO HUBERMAN'S and PAUL SWEEZY'S independent socialist magazine, "Monthly Review", accused of sowing seeds of anti-Marxism and Titoism. CPUSA hailed removal of General MAC ARTHUR as manifestation of mass repudiation of his avowed and brazen proposal to spread war to China. CPUSA also demanded that U.S. Troops be withdrawn from Korea. Proposal of Soviet Union's UN Delegate, [redacted] for cease-fire in Korea and resolution of Senator JOHNSON for end to Korean War given wide publicity and advocacy by CPUSA. CPUSA urges rejection of proposed U.S. sponsored Puerto Rican Constitution, claiming it sanctifies colonial status of Puerto Rico; CPUSA voices support of Philippino Communists in their fight to rid Philippines of American colonialism. Political action through third party or grouping of peace forces advanced as general objective by CPUSA. CPUSA campaigned against hearings in Washington, D.C. under Internal Security Act of 1950

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claiming Board members are not sitting legally since not confirmed by Senate. Civil Rights Congress has circulated petition to Attorney General to have Smith Act declared unconstitutional. Death sentences for JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG denounced by CPUSA. Civil Rights Congress prepared booklet designed to furnish legal information to those facing arrest. CPUSA endeavoring to break hold of right wing reformist leaders of various unions on labor movement. Several hundred World War II veterans demonstrated at Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. in early May, 1951 in effort to free WILLIE MC GEE from electric chair. CPUSA placing greater emphasis than ever before on Negro question in bid for larger Negro membership. CPUSA in its activities among youth and women continues to emphasize peace movement, and termination of Korean War. National CP Farm Commission stresses building alliance of farmers and workers around peace campaign and necessity for organizing agricultural labor and migratory workers into unions. Negroes in literature and films are falsely portrayed, according to "Daily Worker" critics. "Morning Freiheit", in economic move, now appears in tabloid form. Five million copies of National Committee's statement on Supreme Court decision reprinted as pamphlet for widespread distribution. National CP Agitation Commission established to improve and facilitate Party's propaganda work.

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Period: April 1 - June 30, 1950

MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau File 100-3-68)  
(New York File 100-80638)

National Communist Party Membership

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, made available on March 30, 1951, a document containing figures which were apparently membership statistics for all Communist Party districts in the United States. The total membership totalled 37,761.

Communist Party Statement on Membership Registration

The "Daily Worker" for June 21, 1951, Page 2, Column 1, contained the following statement of the National Committee, CP, USA, released on June 21, 1951, by HENRY WINSTON, National CP Organizational Secretary:

"The Supreme Court decision, and the new steps for further prosecutions, have created a situation in which the civil liberties of no American is safe any more. Following the Vinson verdict, a decision was made by the National Secretariat on June 4, 1951, which was ratified by the full National Committee of the Communist Party on June 8, 1951, pursuant to its authority under the Constitution of the CPUSA, to carry thru a new registration of its membership in order to protect our organization from every attempt to outlaw and smash it.

"Only those members who are registered under this new registration and their membership approved by appropriate committees of the Communist Party on or before August 8, 1951, will henceforth be and remain party members. All others not so approved have ceased to be party members as of June 4, 1951, and will not be considered as such for any purpose."

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Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, in analyzing this statement, interpreted it to mean that the CP was endeavoring, in light of the United States Supreme Court decision on June 4, 1951, and the seventeen arrests of CP leaders in New York City on June 20, 1951, to, (1) tighten up the Party's organizational apparatus by invoking stricter membership requirements; (2) purge itself of disloyal, doubtful, undesirable, and faint-hearted members, and (3) provide a convenient future alibi for members to plead "no membership" in view of the fact that June 4, 1951 was set as the date when members ceased to be members of the CP unless approved by the appropriate committees of the CP. This informant also indicated that the statement was a further manifestation that the Party had gone underground to a great extent.

In analyzing the aforementioned registration statement of June 21, 1951, Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, was of the opinion that the statement meant exactly what it said, and that, doubtless, the annual Party registration would take place earlier this year than in previous years. This informant stated that the Party would register each comrade after he or she had been individually examined closely and perhaps personally interviewed by the comrade's respective section, county, or district committee. Informant stated that these district, county, or section committees would review the qualifications and activities of each and every comrade, and when it had been ascertained that a comrade had been inactive, had refused Party assignments, had not paid his dues regularly, or had shown lack of cooperation with Party leadership, then a decision would be made to drop him or her from the Party roles by not inviting the comrade to reregister as a Party member.

According to this informant, those comrades who had in the past been uncooperative and shown by their attitude that they could not stand up under pressure and would not support or be loyal to the Party during the present crisis, the Party would refuse to



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reregister, but that those comrades would be reregistered who had been active in Party assignments, who had paid their dues, and who had made a personal sacrifice of their time and effort in supporting or working in behalf of the Communist Party. Such members, according to this informant, would be invited to reregister as members of the Party for the coming year.

It was the informant's belief that all those comrades who had not been invited to reregister by the aforementioned committees could consider themselves dropped from the rolls of the Communist Party. The informant expressed the belief that as a result of this new registration, the total membership of the Party would be greatly reduced, but that those members who did reregister would be considered absolutely loyal and trusted comrades on whom the Party could count during the present crisis.

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[redacted] who furnished information to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.

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[redacted] who furnished information to SA JOHN W. DOOLEY.

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[redacted] who furnished information to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.

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[redacted] who furnished information to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] who furnished information to SA A. ROBERT SWANSON. His identity should be kept confidential.

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- T - 10 [redacted] who furnished information to SA(A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF.
- T - 11 [redacted]
- T - 12 Confidential Mailbox maintained by the New York Office, contents of which were made available to SA JOHN T. MURPHY.
- T - 13 [redacted] who furnished information to SA(A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF.
- T - 14 [redacted] who furnished information to SA(A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF.
- T - 15 [redacted] who furnished information to SA(A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF.
- T - 16 [redacted]  
New York City Police Department,  
400 Broome Street, New York City.
- T - 17 [redacted], who furnished information to SA JOHN W. DOOLEY.
- T - 18 [redacted] who furnished information to SA JOHN W. DOOLEY.
- T - 19 ND 515
- T - 20 [redacted] who furnished information to SA FRANK R. LONGO.
- T - 21 San Francisco Confidential Informant SF-1425, who furnished information to SA JOHN R. DOYLE.

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T - 22 San Francisco Confidential Informant  
SF-613

T - 23 [redacted]  
[redacted] who furnished information  
to SA [redacted]

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T - 24 [redacted] who furnished information to  
SA FRANK J. SMITH.

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T - 25 Chicago Confidential Informant  
CGO-5788 who furnished information  
to SAs CHARLES W. COLGLAZIER and  
[redacted]

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T - 26 Confidential Source NYC 419, who  
furnished information to SA [redacted]  
[redacted]

T - 27 [redacted]  
[redacted] who furnished information  
to SA VINCENT W. HUGHES.

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T - 28 [redacted]  
[redacted] who furnished information  
to SA [redacted]

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T - 29 [redacted]  
[redacted] who furnished information  
to SA [redacted]

T - 30 [redacted]  
[redacted] who furnished information  
to SA WILLIAM J. NOLAN, Jr.

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T - 31 [redacted]  
[redacted] who furnished information  
to SA KENNETH G. JENSEN.

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T - 32

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[redacted] who furnished information  
to SA [redacted]

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[redacted] who furnished information  
to [redacted]

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[redacted] who furnished information  
to SA [redacted]

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[redacted] who furnished information  
to SA [redacted]

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[redacted] who furnished information  
to SE WEETER S. POND.

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[redacted] who furnished information  
to SA JOHN L. KETCHAM.

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[redacted] who furnished information  
to SA [redacted]

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[redacted] who furnished information  
to SA [redacted]

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T - 43 [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted]

T - 44 [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted]

T - 45 [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted]

T - 46 Philadelphia Confidential Informant PH-83.

T - 47 [redacted]

T - 48 Philadelphia Confidential Informant PH-156.

T - 49 Detroit Confidential Informant DE-256.

T - 50 Detroit Confidential Informant DE-321.

T - 51 Detroit Confidential Informant DE-349.

T - 52 [redacted] who furnished information to SA JESSE C. PARKER.

T - 53 [redacted]

T - 54 New Haven Confidential Informant CNH-249.

T - 55 [redacted]

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T - 56 Chicago Confidential Informant CGO-5425

T - 57 [redacted] b6  
[redacted] who furnished information b7C  
to SA [redacted] b7D

T - 58 Milwaukee Confidential Informant  
M-136.

T - 59 [redacted] b7D  
[redacted] who furnished information  
to SA W. NATHAN PROVINSE.

T - 60 ND 590

T - 61 [redacted]

T - 62 [redacted] b6  
[redacted], who furnished information to b7C  
SA [redacted] b7D

T - 63 Cleveland Confidential Informant  
CL-901,

T - 64 [redacted] who furnished information to  
SA [redacted]

T - 65 [redacted] b6  
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New York City, who furnished informa- b7D  
tion to SA JAMES J. Mc CARTHY. [redacted]  
[redacted] requested that his identity  
be kept confidential.

T - 66 [redacted] who furnished information to  
SA VICTOR A. LEMAITRE.

T - 67 [redacted] who fur-  
nished information to SA RICHARD H.  
BIASSER.

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V	UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS	SA CHESTER A. REILLY
VI	FACTIONALISM	SA THORNTON M. WOOD
VII	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	SA [REDACTED]
VIII	COLONIAL MATTERS	SA(A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF
IX	POLITICAL ACTIVITIES	SA JOSEPH V. WATERS
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XIII	VETERANS' MATTERS	SA [REDACTED]
XIV	NEGRO QUESTION	SA [REDACTED]
XV	YOUTH MATTERS	SA JOSEPH V. WATERS
XVI	WOMEN MATTERS	SA(A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF
XVII	FARMERS' MATTERS	SA [REDACTED]
XVIII	CULTURAL ACTIVITIES	SA JOSEPH V. WATERS
XIX	NATIONAL GROUPS COMMISSION	SA JAMES J. Mc CARTHY
XX	RELIGION	SA [REDACTED]
XXI	PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS	SA JOHN T. MURPHY
XXII	EDUCATION	SA(A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow and report pertinent activities of the CP, USA, for the quarterly period beginning July 1, 1951 and ending September 30, 1951.

REFERENCE

Report of SA RUSSELLS. GARNER, 4/19/51, at New York.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, Cleveland

FROM: SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY--MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: September 25, 1951

*see exhibit #11392*

On August 28, 1951, [ ] of known reliability, personally turned over to SA [ ] Pittsburgh, Pa., a list of names which the informant referred to as a "revised emergency list" which was received from [ ] District 5, Communist Party, functionary, on the evening of August 27, 1951.

On September 4, 1951, [ ] of known reliability, advised SA HOWARD S. MEYERJACK of Pittsburgh, Pa., that she had met with [ ] in the downtown section of Pittsburgh on the evening of August 27, 1951, at which time [ ] turned over to her a revised list of names and addresses. [ ] stated that, according to [ ] said list was to be used only when the CP found itself in an emergency, at which time the individuals named therein would be asked to perform CP work or to make financial contributions to the CP. [ ] stated that important general information of the CP would also be mailed to the individuals named in the list.

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[ ] stated that said list had been revised by [ ] but that the list included most of the names contained on a now outmoded list in her possession which she had received from [ ] some months ago.

Photostatic copies of said list of names, together with a type-written sheet prepared by the Pittsburgh office from the list after the names appearing on the list were personally examined by SA [ ] to determine the correct spelling and

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2 - Boston (1 Encl)  
2 - Detroit (1 Encl)  
2 - Minneapolis (1 Encl)  
② - New York (1 Encl)  
2 - Philadelphia (1 Encl)  
2 - San Francisco (1 Encl)

cc PG 100-8496  
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PG 67-3500

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TO: SAC, Cleveland  
FROM: SAC, Pittsburgh  
RE: CP--MEMBERSHIP  
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addresses of the individuals mentioned therein, are being forwarded to the interested offices. It is believed that the names of the individuals appearing on the typewritten sheets are correct, as far as could be determined.

By way of explanation, [ ] advised that the names of individuals appearing on the list which have been "crossed off" are names of persons whose present addresses are not known or persons who are no longer considered friendly or approachable by the CP. It is noted that in some instances names appear on the reverse side of the list.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

DATE: October 1, 1951

FVB FROM : SAC, ALBANY  
a74SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
District #2  
New York Division  
Membership  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following is furnished to the New York and Buffalo Offices for use in preparing the quarterly report for the period July 1, 1951 through September 30, 1951.

NORTHEASTERN SUB-DISTRICT

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, in April 1951, advised that there are approximately ten members of the Communist Party in Utica, New York. These figures were confirmed by Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, In September 1951 T-2 advised that there has been no noted change in the membership in the Utica and Rome areas.

On March 25, 1950, Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that he was told by a [ ] a Communist Party member, in Rome, New York, that there are approximately 25-30 Communist Party members in the Utica-Rome area.

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Confidential Informant T-2 in April 1951 advised that he estimated the total of the membership in the Utica-Rome area to be thirty for the period March 1950 and the estimated membership for March 1951 to be eighteen.

In view of the above figures there appears to be eight members in the Rome area and ten members in the Utica area.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that he presently estimates the membership of the Communist Party in the Capital District area, composed of Albany, Troy, and Schenectady, New York, to be approximately one hundred members.

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cc: Buffalo (100-4379)

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WESTERN SUB-DISTRICT

Syracuse Area

On September 29, 1951, Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that he estimates the membership in the Syracuse area to be fifty members at the present time.

Binghamton area

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, on September 28, 1951, advised that he estimates the present membership in the Communist Party in the Triple Cities Area to be thirty-two. The Informant stated that there have recently been four new members attending classes that he considers to be new members and also two of the older members have dropped out.

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, on September 28, 1951, advised that he has noted no change in the membership in the Spencer, New York area and that he considers the present estimate of fourteen in that area to be correct.

Ithaca area

Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised on July 10, 1951 that he had been advised by [redacted] Chairman of the Communist Party at Ithaca, New York, that the membership of the Communist Party in Ithaca at that time was fifteen members. [redacted] stated that it was desirable to keep the membership figures down so that the amount of work accomplished would seem very high.

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On September 21, 1951 T-8 advised that with the beginning of the Fall term at Cornell University, the membership in the Ithaca area would increase because some of the Party members have been absent from Ithaca, New York on a summer vacation and further, that he estimates at the present time that there are thirty members of the Communist Party in Ithaca, New York.

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From the above figures the total membership in New York State covered by the Albany Office is 244.

The membership in the Albany Division in that portion of the Western Sub-District covered by the Albany Division is 126.

The membership in the Northeastern Sub-District is 118.

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T-1 is [REDACTED]

T-2 is surveillances and investigations performed by Agents of the Utica Resident Agency during the period of this report.

T-3 is [REDACTED]

T-4 is surveillances and investigations conducted by Agents of the Albany Office in the Albany, Schenectady, and Troy areas during the period of this report.

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T-5 is [REDACTED]

T-6 is Albany Security Informant 2859.

T-7 is surveillances and investigations conducted by Agents of the Ithaca Resident Agency during the period of this report.

T-8 is [REDACTED]

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-80638)

FROM : SAC, Buffalo

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.  
DISTRICT NO. 2  
MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: October 6, 1951

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MR. SCOTT  
MR. WHELAN  
MR. HAI  
MR. GILL  
MR. HAMILTON  
MR. LLOYD  
MR. MCLENNAN  
MR. MARCHESIAULT  
MR. MCANT  
MR. NIGHT SUPERVISOR  
MR. RAGAN  
MR. SULLIVAN  
MR. WALSH  
MR. WOHL  
PROPERTY CLERK  
TRAINING UNIT

Remylet, 7/5/51, concerning membership of the Communist Party in territory covered by the Buffalo Division.

No information has been obtained, which would reflect membership statistics of the Communist Party in Buffalo territory. Party activities have been at a minimum and other than Labor Party and Peace Group meetings, the only meetings being held are between three or four Communist Party organization leadership. Discussions held on these occasions are in the most part not available to this office. From information obtained from reliable Security Informants [redacted] the local party organization itself does not have up to date figures on its membership.

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In this respect, [redacted] on August 3, 1951 reported on a conversation the informant had with [redacted] Chairman of the Erie County Communist Party. On the same date [redacted] told the informant that the records of those who registered in February and March of 1951 had been destroyed; further, that the registration of Communist Party members, which was to have taken place during the period June 1, 1951 to August 31, 1951 had not been done so there would be no proof of anyone being registered.

In view of the above it is believed that the estimated membership for the Buffalo territory should be retained as 364 until such time as more up-to-date statistics are obtained.

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cc- Albany (100-9555)

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